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Donna
Copeland
"55"

Elaine Doney

Kids
Forsquell

Nancy Dustman
"55"

J. Dells
"54"

Donna
Copeland
"55"

Chuck
"55"
Jansons

Peggy Butler

To Marcia,
"A real sweet girl"
Lots of love
Sept. 54

Ira
Blenneman
"55"

Gary Brunni

Jerry Busch

Kate Campbell

Ronald August.

Sandi
Rupert

Dorothy Block

Jackie Bloomer

Stanley
Apler

Don Duffman
"53"

Dillon Mack

Sandy Sullivan
(54)

Shirley Lomax

David

Ashtanga

Do not forget to
write to me
Do not forget to
write to me

Nancy Beams

Bonny Bagley

James
Cargill
"55"

Shirley Speakman
"54"

Eldon Herman

Do not forget to
write to me

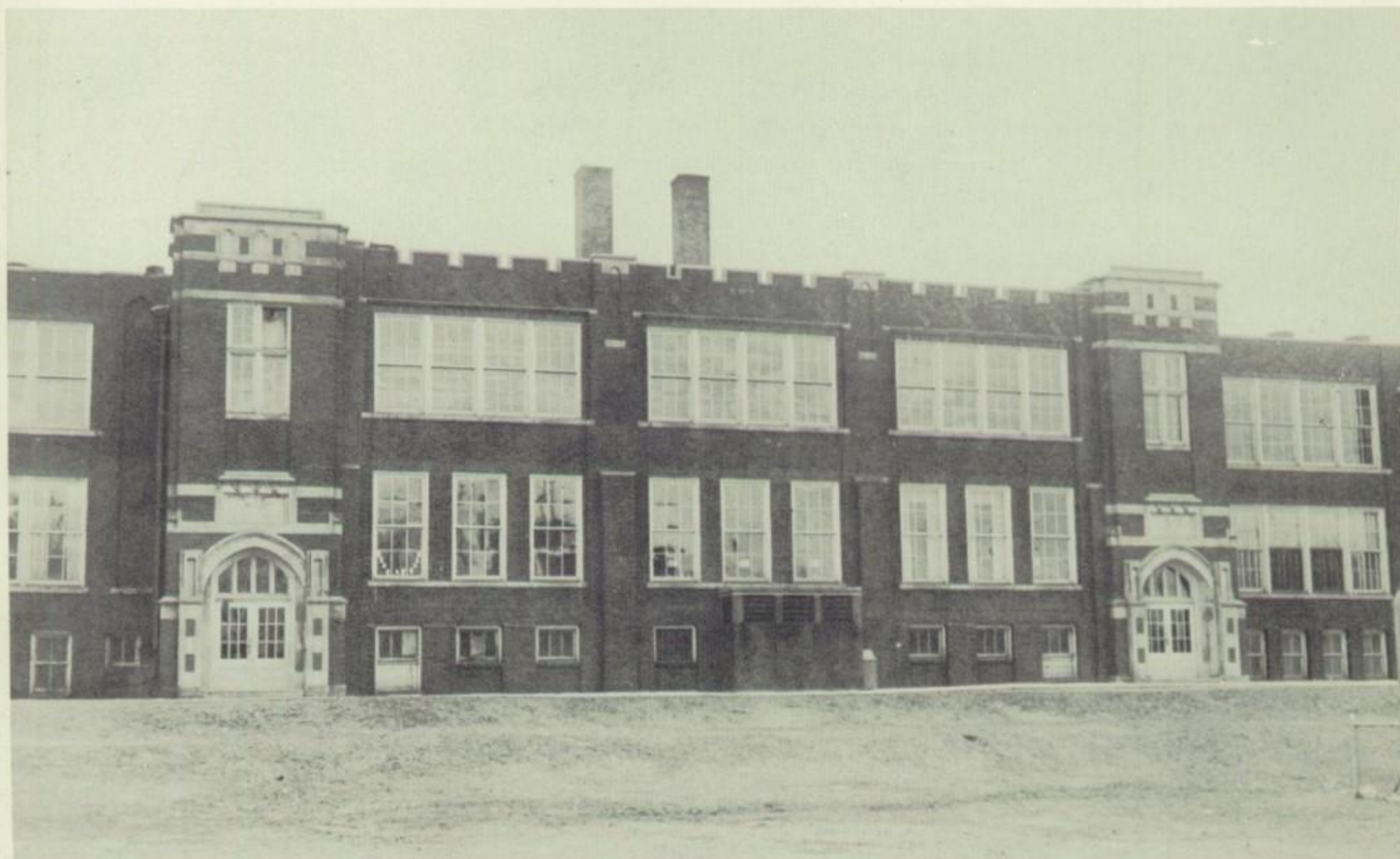
Martha
Huns
"55-2"

Delores Martin
"54"

Black Mae
Huns

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TIME MARCHES ON!

Time Marches On! What has passed is beyond reach. We can neither live over a moment of Glory nor return to correct an error. Once Graduation Day is past, high school is but a memory. This Excalibur is a memory book to help recall four years of our life. Our four years were but an hour of eternity, a fleeting second of joy, sorrow, and adventure.

"The moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears washout a Word of it."

The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, Stanza 71



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Dedication



Miss Martha Ann Lown

To Miss Lown, our staunch and loyal friend,
we the class of 1953 dedicate our Excalibur. It is
our hope that she will do as much for succeeding
classes as she has done for us. Our sincere
thanks, Miss Lown, for all the help you have so
unselfishly given us.



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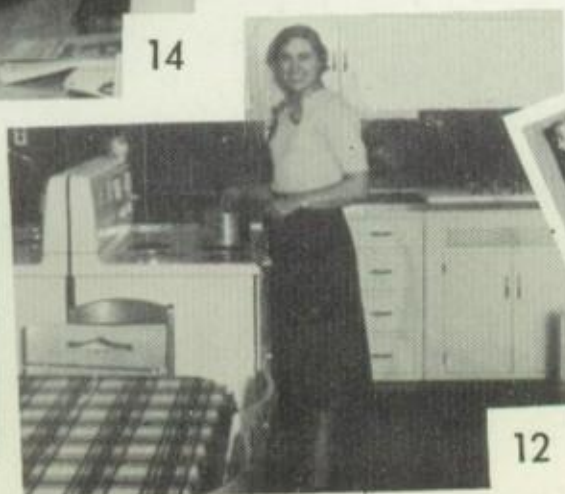
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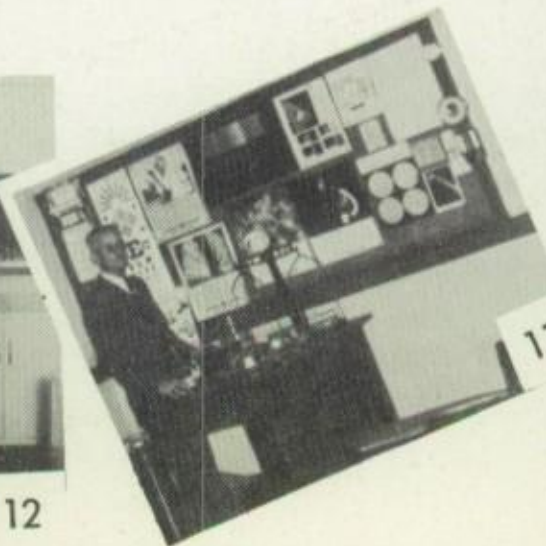
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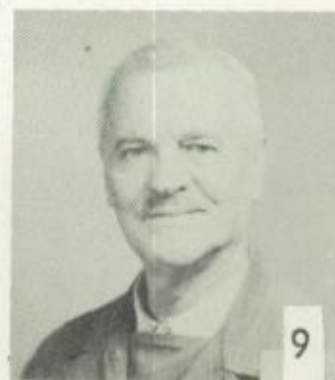
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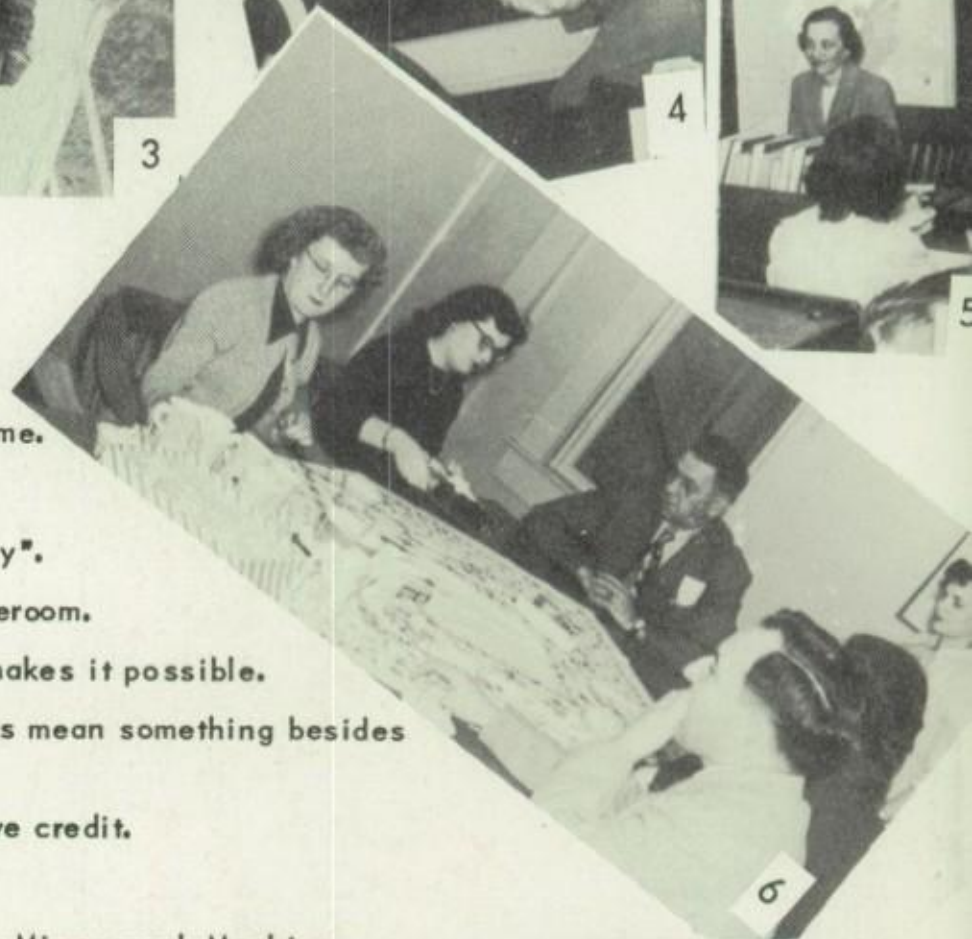
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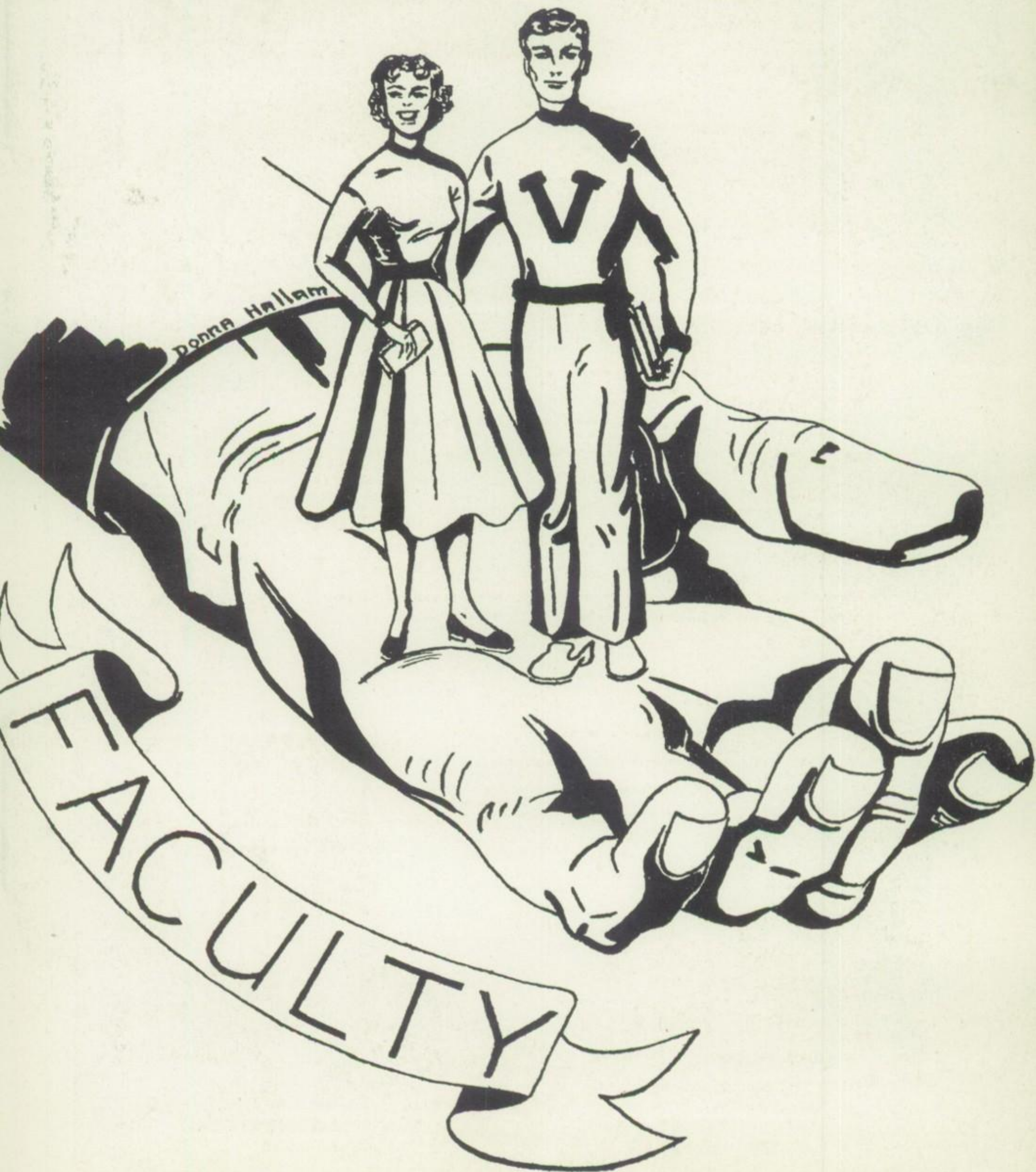
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V.W.H.S. FACULTY-

They are not serious all the time.

1. Miss Hall takes a "Holiday".
2. Mr. Mason in his own homeroom.
3. He doesn't play, he just makes it possible.
4. Mr. Warye makes Christmas mean something besides mistletoe.
5. Substitute teachers deserve credit.
6. Why weren't we invited?
7. Mr. Bricker and his Mighty Mimeograph Machine.
8. That is a leaf, not his ear.
9. Our very friendly helper.
10. Are your accounts balanced, Mr. Katterheinrich?
11. Mr. Speith and his machines recall a very interesting class.
12. What's cooking?
13. How much pressure?
14. Hi-Y's handy adviser.
15. Prof., our maestro?
16. A moment's relaxation.
17. Buttons and bows.

My Times Are In Thy Hand
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Administration



The governing body elected to direct the school system is the Board of Education. Its members for the school year 1953 are President, Mr. Cyril Bechtol, Vice President, Miss Hazel Gleason, Clerk, Mr. F. Earl Shaffer, Mr. Walter Tolan, Mr. Henry C. Prior, Mr. Donald S. White, and Mr. R. D. Bennett.



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Attendance Officer



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Clerk- Treasurer of the Board of Education
Building Superintendent



Mr. Bennett B.A., M.A.

Mr. R. D. Bennett has served as Superintendent of Van Wert City Schools since 1946. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Wittenberg College and his Master of Arts in School Administration from Ohio State University. Van Wert City School System is indebted to Mr. Bennett for the fine building program which he has inaugurated in the city schools.



Mrs. Mary Ehman is Secretary to Mr. R. D. Bennet; Mrs. Alice Ann Shaw to Mr. Robert Baker; and Miss Helen Rhoem to Mr. F. Earl Shaffer.



MR. BAKER B.A.: M.A.

Mr. Robert Baker has been Principal of Van Wert High School since 1949. He attended Ohio Northern University where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. At the University of Toledo he received his Masters degree. Mr. Baker has ably guided Van Wert High School students in choosing their life work.



MR. GALLAPOO, B.A.; M.A.

For past thirty years, Mr. Ralph Gallapoo has been a member of the Van Wert High School faculty. Mr. Gallapoo has been Guidance Counsellor here since the founding of the Guidance Department in 1944. His influence has been important in the plans many students have made for their lives.



ETHEL ARMSTRONG, B.A.

Miami University
Sophomore Class Adviser
"Semi-colon"



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Ohio State University
Home Economics
Co-adviser of F.H.A.



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Junior Class Adviser
"Of course"



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Jr. Hi-Y Adviser



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James Millikin College
Middlebury College
Junior Y-Teens Adviser



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Wittenberg College
Western Reserve
Speech Director



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Ohio State University
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Ohio University
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National Honor Society Adv.



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"Yiminy Yickets!"



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"Undertone, students"



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Industrial Arts
Hi-Y Adviser



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Ohio Northern, Ohio State
Industrial Arts and Drawing
"Let's get going, here"



R. P. RAUCH, B.A., M.A.
Miami University, Ohio State



JAMES B. REEDER, B.S., M.A.
Ohio State, Indiana Univ.
Basketball and Baseball Coach
"Knock it off"



ELIZABETH O. RIMER, B.A.
Ohio State University
Scarlet Quill, Excalibur Adv.
"At this stage of the game. . . ."



MARY SAWYER, B.S., M.S.
Ohio University
F.H.A. Adviser
"Now, girls"



SWIGHT E. SMITH, B.S.
Ohio State University
F.F.A. Adviser



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Defiance College, Columbia Univ.
Athletic Director, Football Coach
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Defiance College
General Science Teacher
"Quiet"



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Ohio State University
Art Director



FRED WILLIAMS, B.S., MS.
Ohio Northern, Ohio State
Sinence Club Adviser



LEONARD WOLF, B.M.
Dana's Musical Institute
Band and Dance Band Dir.



Spotlight on Seniors - Way back when . . .

1. Roger and Jim go to Church.
2. After Homecoming at Shirley's.
3. They're ready to go ice skating.
4. Trim the mains'l, ye hearties!
5. Alyce's barnyard.
6. Betty's birthday party, 1945.
7. Ah, the good old days.
8. What cute little girls.
9. Jeannine's at Lakeside.
10. Frankenstein's imiators.
11. Mother's little helper.
12. Will they ever go to sleep?
13. P-Kay plays hostess to Larry and Jerry.
14. Camp Nelson Dodd provides adventure.

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SENIORS

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen



Donna Hallam

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Time goes by turns, and chances change by course,
From foul to fair, from better hap to worse.

Times Go by Turns
Robert Southwell

Morrell G. Allen
Janice Sue Anderson
James Logan Baer



Ricky E. Bailey
Shirley Jean Benford
Donald Leroy Bisel



John Lawrence Blake
Margaret Frances Blanke
Betty Lou Bolinger



Wilbur Eugen Clymer
Colletta Ann Collette
Jack Neil Conley



Jayne Elizabeth Boroff
Shirlee Sue Boroff
Paul Edward Brunni





Fay Ann Cooper
Nancy Louise Davis
Gary Duane Duxtater



Jeannine Frances Driscoll
Suzanne Carolyn Eggerss
James William Exline



Terry Joe Farlow
Marjorie Joan Frey
Jerry Fugazzi



Elaine Annette Gamble
Betty Jean Geisman
Lawrence A. Gilliland



Russell Eugene Gipe
Laura Mae Gold
Byron Clifford Good

James Dent Gribler
 Juanita G. Muntsinger
 Frank H. Hall, Jr.



Donna Kathryn Hallam
 Patricia Ann Harden
 Carolyn Sue Harting



Willie M. Hernandez
 Mary Hillery
 Rodger Eugene Holtsberry



Patricia Jean Houts
 Sara Edna Jarvis
 Lowell Dean Jenkins



Gerald Eugene Jeromd
 Marilyn Kay Jerome
 Shirley Anne Johns





Michael Lynn Kennedy
Robert Joseph Kibler
Carolyn Suzanne Kissel



Fredrick Arthur Klausing
Shirley Jean Klinger
Audrey Mae Kreischer



Janet Rose Kreischer
Roxanna Kreischer
Lloyd H. Lee



Ned Leiter
Edward W. Linser
Shirley H. Linser



Robert L. McClure
Norman W. McDaniel
Wilma Dee McNeal

Russell W. Mace
Ralph E. Mathew
Nancy Lou Mayer



Meredith Mengerink
Donald Eugene Miller
James R. Miller



Wm. Lawrence Miller
Mary M. Myers
Elizabeth Jane Osborn



Richard Eugene Packer
Shirley Mae Painter
Robert Gene Pangle





Jean Ellen Purdy
Doris J. Rhodenbaugh
Sharon Rider



Shirley Roth
Richard Scaer
Patricia Ann Schaeper



William D. Schaffner
Marilyn S. Schilb
Franklin D. Scott, Jr.



Jean Marilyn Sherburn
F. Roger Sherman
Margie Louise Shock

Nancy Sue Shoup
 Frederick W. Smith
 Max F. Smith



Richard J. Smith
 Charles L. Spurlock
 Ronald Ray Staley



Robert Louis Stemen
 Joyce E. Strick
 Margaret Ellen Stripe



C. David Stuber
 Gerald Thatcher
 Sylvia Ann Thomas





Rosalee M. Thurston
James Tomlinson
Alyce S. Weck



Janice Jo Wells
Cynthia White
Haydn Williams



Joyce Ann Williman
Robert C. Wisenborn
Erma Jeanne Wollett



Betty Wydallis
James C. Young



Senior Activities

- MORRELL G. ALLEN-- "Chum" F. F. A. member 2-3-4, Chorus 1, A Cappella, Choir 4.
- JANICE ANDERSON D.C.T. Usherette member 1, Chorus 1.
- JIM BAER-- "Teddy" Class Vice President 4, Hi-Y 4, Basketball 3-4, Student Council 4, Intramurals 1-2.
- RICKEY BAILEY "Rick"
- SHIRLEY JEAN BENFORD Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. member 1-2, F.T.A. 1, Band 1-2-3-4, Lyre Club member 1-2-3-4, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter.
- DONALD LEROY BISEL-- "Don" D.C.T. member 4.
- JOHN LAWRENCE BLAK -- "Johnny"
- MARGARET BLANKE-- "Maggie" F.H.A. member 1-2-3-4, F. H. A. President 4.
- BETTY BOLINGER-- "Lou Lou" Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens Treasurer 3, Devotions Chr. 4, F.T.A. 1-2-3-4, Vice President 3, President 4, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Lyre Club member 3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Student Council 1-3-4, Class Play, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- JAYNE ELIZABETH BOROFF-- "Liz" Y-Teens member 2-3-4, G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. member 2-3, F.H.A. cabinet 2, Usherette member 1-2-3-4, Usherette Cabinet 3, Chorus 1-2.
- SHIRLEE SUE BOROFF-- "Susie" G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, F.H.A. member 1, Usherette member 1, Chorus 1-2, Intramurals 1-2-3-4.
- PAUL EDWARD BRUNNI-- "Louie" F.F.A. 1-2-3-4, Reporter 4, County Vice President 4.
- WILBUR CLYMER Hi-Y member 4, Intramurals 2, Class Play, "Home Sweet Homicide."
- COLLETTA COLLETTE Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens cabinet 2, G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. cabinet 2-3, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3-4, Cheerleader 1-2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Intramurals 1-2-3-4.
- JACK CONLEY Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1, A Cappella 3-4, Football 1-2, Ring and Pin Committee, Y Leader's Club 3-4, Intramurals 1-2, Junior Rotarian.
- FAY ANN COOPER-- "Fie" Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens cabinet 3, F.T.A. 1-2-3-4, F.T.A. cabinet 3, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3-4 Junior Prom Committee.
- NANCY DAVIS-- D.C.T. member 4, Chorus 2-3, A Cappella Choir 3.
- GARY DOXTATER-- "Cork" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y Vice-President 2-4, A Cappella Choir 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2, Ring and Pin Committee, Y-Leader's Club 1-2-3-4.
- JEANNINE DRISCOLL-- Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens Freshman rep., Chorus 1, A Cappella 2-3-4.
- SUZANNE EGGERS-- "Sue" Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens Cabinet 2-3, G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. Cabinet 3, Chorus 1, A Cappella 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Quill Reporter, Homecoming Attendant 4, Student Council 2, Excalibur Reporter, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Class Play, "Home Sweet Homicide"
- JAMES EXLINE-- "Jim" Hi-Y member 3, D.C.T. member 4, Chorus 2-3, Band 1.
- TERRY JOE FARLOW-- "Tee Jay" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, Cabinet 4, Junior Prom Committee, Class Play "Home Sweet Homicide" National Honor Society 3-4, President 4, Junior Rotarian.
- MARJORIE JOAN FREY-- "Jo-Jo" Y-Teens member 4, G.A.A. member 4, F.T.A. member 4, Intramurals 4.
- JERRY FUGAZZI-- "Fugie" Hi-Y member 3-4, V-Club member 3-4, Football 3-4, Basketball 3-4, Baseball 3-4.
- ELAINE GAMBLE-- "Aine" Y-Teens member 1-2, Y-Teens Cabinet 1, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella 3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Lyre Club member 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee.
- BETTY GIESMAN-- G.A.A. member 1, Chorus 1-2-3, A Cappella 4.
- LAWRENCE ARTHUR GILLILAND, JR.-- "Larry" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y Cabinet 2-4, F.T.A. 1-2-3-4, F.T.A. Cabinet 4, Football 1-2, Junior Prom Committee, Excalibur Staff Officer, Quill Officer 3-4, Y-Leaders's Club 1-2-3-4, Y-Leader's Cabinet 1-2, Intramurals 1-2, Manager Class Play "Home Sweet Homicide" Boy's State, National Honor Society 3-4, Junior Rotarian.
- RUSSELL EUGENE GIPE-- "Russ" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, A Cappella Choir 1-2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 1-2-3, Lyre Club 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Intramurals 1-2-3.
- LAURA MAE GOLD-- "Laurie" Y-Teens member 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens cabinet 2-3, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Class Play "Home Sweet Homicide", Girl's State, National Honor Society 3-4, D.A.R. Pilgram Contestant.
- BYRON GOOD-- "Tex" Hi-Y member 4, Intramurals 4.
- JAMES K. GRIBLER-- "Grib" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3, Junior Prom Committee, Excalibur Staff Officer, Quill Officer, Y-Leader's Club Intramurals 4, Class Play, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- JUANITA (GRUNDEN) MUNTZINGER-- "Grunt" Class Treasurer 2, Y-Teens member 1-2-3, Y-Teens cabinet 3 D.C.T. member 4, D.C.T. Treasurer 4, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3, Band 1-2, Dance Band 1, Junior Prom Committee.
- FRANK HALL-- "Bud" Chorus 1, A capella Choir 2-3-4, Rendezvous Committee 2, 3, Intramurals 2
- DONNA KATHRYN HALLAM-- "Donie" Y-Teens 1, Chorus 1, A Cappella 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Senior Scholarship Test, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, "Home Sweet Homicide", D. A. R. Pilgrim Contestant
- PATRICIA ANN HARDEN-- "Pat" Y-Teens 1, 2 D.C.T. 4, Chorus 1,2, Band 1,2,3, Lyre Club Member 1,2,3, Ring and Pin Committee.

Senior Activities

CAROLYN SUE HARTING-- "Carol" Y-Teens Vice-Pres 3, Y-Teens 1,2,3,4, Y-Teens Pres. 4, Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,3, Junior Prom Committee, Orchestra Committee, Vocal Varieties 3-4, H.M.S. Pinafore 2-

WILLIE HERNANDEZ-- "Wil" V-Club 3-4, V-Club Vice-Pres. 4, Football 2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Baseball 1-2-3-4, Y- Leader's Club 3

MARY HILLERY-- "Hickory" Y-Teens 1, Band 4, Lyre Club Member 3, Intramurals 3

RODGER HOLTSBERRY-- "Rog" Hi-Y member 3-4, D.C.T. member 4, Intramurals 4, Football 1, Basketball 1-2-3, Baseball 1-2-3-4,

PATRICIA JOAN HOUTS-- "Pat" Y-Teens 1-2, D.C.T. member 4,

SARA EDNA JARVIS-- "Sally" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens Representative 1, Y-Teens Cabinet 1,2,3, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. Cabinet 3-4, Basketball Manager 3, G.A.A. Pres. 4, Band 1-2, Junior Prom Committee Senior Scholarship Test, Excalibur Staff Officer, Quill Officer, "Home Sweet Homicide", National Honor Society 3-4, D.A.R. Pilgram Contestant, Junior Town Meeting 3, Scholarship Tests, 1-2-3, Secretary 1-3-4,

DEAN JENKINS-- Hi-Y member 3-4

GERALD JEROME-- "Gerald" Hi-Y member 2-3-4, D.C.T. member 4, D.C.T. Pres. 4, A Capella 1,2,3,4, Chimes of Normandy 1, H. M.S. Pinafore 2, Vocal Varieties 3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Ring and Pin Committee, Class President 3, Invitation Committee, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Student Council 1-3-4.

MARILYN K. JEROME-- "Bone Jerome" Y-Teens 1-2 G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4 G.A.A. Cabinet 3-4, Speedball Manager, Program Chairman, A Capella 2-3, Band, 1-2-3, Lyre Club member 2,3, Intramurals 1-2-3-4.

SHIRLEY ANNE JOHNS-- "Suzy" Y-Teens member 1-2, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Chorus 1, A Capella Choir 2-3, Band 1,2,3,4, Dance Band 1-2-3, Lyre Club Member 2-3-4, Majorette 1-2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, "Home Sweet Homicide"

MICHAEL LYNN KENNEDY-- "Crash" Hi-Y member 1-4, Hi-Y Treasurer 2, A Capella Choir 1-2-3-4, Football 2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3, "Home Sweet Homicide" Boys' State Alternate.

ROBERT JOSEPH KIBLER-- "Kib" Hi-Y member 1-2-3, Hi-Y Pres. 2, V-Club 4, F.F.A. member 1-2-3-4, F.F.A. Cabinet 3, Dance Band 1-2, Football 3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Rendezvous Committee 2-3-4, Rendezvous Committee Chairman 3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Class President 2, Vice-Pres, 2

CAROLYN SUZANNE KISSEL-- "Suzie" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Y-Teens Publicity Chairman 3, Y-Teens cabinet 3-4, F.T.A. member 3-4, F.T.A. Treasurer 4, Senior Scholarship Test, Excalibur Staff Officer, Quill Officer, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant, Student Librarian 4, Scholarship Team, 1-2-3, Camera Club 3-4.

FREDRICK ARTHUR KLAUSING-- "Ace" Chorus 2, A Cappella Choir 3-4, Junior Prom Committee.

SHIRLEY JEAN KLINGER-- "Jeannie" Intramurals 1-2-3, G.A.A. 1-2-3.

AUDREY KREISCHER-- "Audrey" Y-Teens 3-4, G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4, D.C.T. 4, D.C.T. Secretary 4, Chorus, 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3, Cheerleader 2-3 Intramurals 1-2-3-4.

JANET ROSE KREISCHER-- "Jannie Rose" Chorus 1, A Cappella 2-3-4, Cheerleader 1-2-3-4, Scarlet Quill Editor 4, Excalibur Reporter, H. M. S. Pinafore, Vocal Varieties.

ROXANNA KREISCHER-- "Roxie" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. member 1-2-3-4, F.T.A. 1-3-4, F.T.A. Secretary 2

LLOYD LEE-- Class President 2, Hi-Y member 1-2, V-Club member 2-3-4, V-Club Sec.-Treas. 3, F.F.A. member 1-2, A Cappella Choir 1-2-3-4, Football 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Homecoming Attendant 3, Student Council 1,2.

NED LEITER-- "Sie" D.C.T. member 4.

EDWARD Wm LINSER JR.-- "Ed" Hi-Y member 1-2-3-4, D.C.T. Local Vice-Pres. 4, State Vice-Pres. 4, Football 1-2-3-4, Basketball 2, Junior Prom Committee, Student Council 3, Y-Leader's Club 2-3-4.

ROBERT L. McCLURE-- "Bob"

NORMON McDANIEL-- "Mick" D.C.T. 4, V-Club 3-4, Basketball Mgr. 3-4.

WILMA L. McNEAL-- G.A.A. 1, Chorus 1-2-3.

RUSSELL MACE-- "Rusty" D.C.T. 4, Intramurals 1.

RALPH MATTHEWS-- "Mat" D.C.T. 4, V-Club 4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Basketball Mgr. 2-3.

NANCY MAYER-- "Nan" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Cabinet 1-2, Class Secretary 2, G.A.A. 1, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Quill Officer, Student Council 1-2-4, Excalibur Reporter.

MEREDITH MENDERINK -- "Tiny"

DONALD MILLER-- "Hose" D.C.T. 4, Sargent at Arms 4, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3, Basketball 2, Intramurals 1-3-4.

JAMES MILLER-- "Harry" Hi-Y 4, D.C.T. 4, Student Council 4, Intramurals 4.

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MARY MYERS-- Y-Teens 1, Band 1-2-3, Lyre Club 3.

ELIZABETH JANE OSBORN-- "Liz" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4.

RICHARD EUGENE PACKER-- "Spacks" Senior Class President, V-Club 3-4, President 4, A Cappella Choir 1-2-3-4, Football 3-4, Baseball 1-2-3-4, Student Council 3-4, Intramurals 1,2-4, "Home Sweet Homicide".

SHIRLEY PAINTER-- "Shirl" Band 1-2-3-4, Lyre Club 2-3-4.

Senior Activities

- ROBERT PANGLE -- "Bob" F.F.A. 1-2-3-4, D.C.T. 4.
- JEAN PURDY-- "Gertie" Class Officer, Treasurer 3, Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Secretary 24, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, "H.M.S. Pinafore", "Vocal Varieties", Junior Prom Committee, Ring and Pin Committee, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Rendezvous Committee.
- SHARON RIDER-- Chorus 1, Band 1
- SHIRLEY ROTH-- "Shirl" Chorus 1
- DORIS RHODENBAUGH-- "Red" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1, A Cappella 2, Band 1-2-3-4, Lyre Club 3-4, Majorette 2-3-4, "H.M.S. Pinafore", Librarian of Band 2-3.
- RICHARD O. SCAER-- "Dick" Hi-Y 4, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3-4.
- PATTICIA ANN SCHAEFER-- "Pat" G.A.A. 1-2-3, Intramurals 1-2-3, D.C.T. 4.
- WILLIAM SCHAFFNER-- "Bill" F.F.A. 1-2-3, Sentinel 3, Hi-Y 4, Intramurals 1,2,3, D.C.T. 4.
- MARILYN SUE SCHILB-- "White" Y-Teens 1-2-3, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, F.T.A. 2-3, D.C.T. 4, Chorus 1-2, Reserve Cheerleader 2, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- FRANKLIN D SCOTT, JR.,-- "Scottie" Hi-Y 1,2, V-Club 2-3-4, Football 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3, Baseball 3-4.
- JEAN MARILIN SHERBURN-- Y-Teens 2-3-4, Chorus 1, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- FRANCIS ROGER SHERMAN-- "Rog" V-Club 3-4, Intramurals 1-2, Junior Prom Committee, Chorus 1, A Cappella 2-3-4, "H.M.S. Pinafore", Vocal Varieties.
- MARGIE LOUISE SHOCK-- "Marg" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1,2.
- NANCY SUE SHOUP-- "Susie" Y-Teens 3, G.A.A. 3, D.C.T. 4, Chorus 2-3.
- FREDERICK W. SMITH-- "Smitty"
- MAX F. SMITH-- Hi-Y 1-2-3-4, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 4, Junior Prom Committee, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- RICHARD J. SMITH-- "Dick" F.F.A. 1-2-3, Vice-President 3, V-Club, 2-3-4, Football 3-4, Basketball 3, Baseball 2-3-4, Senior Scholarship Test, "Home Sweet Homicide", A Cappella Choir 1-3-4.
- CHARLES L. SPURLOCK-- "Chuck" Basketball 4.
- RONALD RAY STALEY-- "Ronnie" Hi-Y 3-4, Treasurer 4, V-Club 4, Basketball Manager 3-4.
- ROBERT LOUIS STEMEN-- "Bob" Student Council 3, Football 2, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Hi-Y 1-2.
- MARGARET ELLEN STRIPE-- "Marge" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4.
- JOYCE E. STRICK-- F.H.A. 1-2.
- C. DAVID STUBER-- "Albert Einstein" F.F.A. 1, Band 1-2-3-4, National Honor Society 3.
- GERALD D. THATCHER-- "Thatch" Hi-Y 3-4, Intramurals 1, Band 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 1-2-3, Lyre Club 2-3-4, Boys' State Alternate, National Honor Society 3-4.
- SYLVIA ANN THOMAS-- "Tommy" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Treasurer 2, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, F.T.A. 3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Student Librarian 3-4, Senior Scholarship Test, Homecoming Attendant 2, Excalibur Staff, Quill Staff.
- ROSALEE MARIE THURSTON-- Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Music Chairman 3, D.C.T. 4, Reporter 4, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, "H.M.S. Pinafore", Vocal Varieties, Junior Prom Committee, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- JAMES TOMLINSON-- "Chic" Intramurals 1-2-3-4, D.C.T. 4, Senior Scholarship Test.
- ALYCE SUE WECK-- "Adolph" Y-Teens 3-4, Finance Committee Chairman 4, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4, Assistant Program Chairman 4, Intramurals 1-2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Girls' State Alternate, Quill Exchange Editor, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Scholarship Team 1-2-3, Senior Scholarship Test.
- JANICE JO WELLS-- "Janny Jo" Y-Teens 1-2-3, G.A.A. 1-2-3-4 Chorus 1-2, Cheerleader 1-2-3-4.
- CYNTHIA A WHITE-- Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, Social Chairman 2-4, G.A.A. 2-3-4, Vice-President 4, Chorus 1-2, A Cappella Choir 3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Quill Editor-in-Chief, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Student Council 4, National Honor Society 3-4, D.A.R. Pilgrim Contestant.
- HAYDEN L. WILLIAMS, "Alfey" F.F.A. 1-2-3-4, Historian 3-4, Intramurals 3-4, A Cappella Choir 3-4, Vocal Varieties, "Home Sweet Homicide".
- JOYCE ANN WILLIMAN-- "Queenie" Y-Teens 1-2-3-4, G.A.A. 1, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, Band 1-2-3-4, Dance Band 3, Lyre Club 3-4, Rendezvous Committee 1-2-3-4, Student Council 2-3, Homecoming Attendant 1-3, Homecoming Queen.
- ROBERT CLEVELAND WISEBORN-- "Ace" V-Club 3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4.
- ERMA JEANNE WOLLET-- "Jeanne" Y-Teens 2-3, Pianist 3, Chorus 1, A Cappella Choir 2-3-4, D.C.T. 4.
- ELIZABETH ANN WYDALLIS-- "Betty" F.T.A. 2-3-4, Science Club, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Scholarship Team 2,3, Senior Scholarship Test.
- JAMES C. YOUNG-- "Brigham" Hi-Y 1-2, Vice-President 2, V-Club 1-2-3-4, Football 1-2-3-4, Basketball 1-2-3-4, Baseball 1-2-3-4, Junior Prom Committee, Student Council 1, Boys' State, Junior Rotarian, Excalibur Sports Editor, Quill Sports Editor, Quill Reporter, Excalibur Reporter, Senior Scholarship Test.

Senior Class History



On the opening day of school, 1949, Van Wert High School's dignity and aplomb was considerably affronted by the surge of Freshmen, proclaiming their ignorance with every loud giggle and guffaw. After a few days of bedlam, a semblance of order was maintained and under the sustaining hand of the faculty the 144 individuals comprising the class began to function as a unit. We chose as class officials Harold Fellers, President; Bob Kibler, Vice-President; Sally Jarvis, Secretary; and Barbara Burgoon, Treasurer. These officers competently maneuvered us through our initial year of high school.

As Sophomores we were quite suave and worldly, and were somewhat prone to believe that we were the smartest people in the building. Selected as the bulwarks of the class that year were Lloyd Lee, President; Bob Kibler, Vice-President; Nancy Mayer, Secretary; and Juanita Grunden, Treasurer. We were now beginning to become more a part of things. Many Sophomores were to be found on the athletic teams, cheerleading squads, and on the cabinets of the various organizations. But, basking in the comfortable glow of self esteem, we were unaware of the prestige that would be ours when we became Juniors and upperclassmen. With the advent of that momentous occasion we assumed the robes of dignity and austerity worn by all upperclassmen. The stalwarts of the class were Gerald Jerome, President; Frank Scott, Vice-President; Sally Jarvis, Secretary; and Jean Purdy, Treasurer. We found ourselves confronted by many responsibilities, among them the staging of a class play and the sponsoring of the Junior-Senior Prom. However, these duties were alleviated by the knowledge that when next we began a new year of school it would be as Seniors.

This year as we trekked up the long walk, it was with the feeling that we had reached our ultimate goal. Somewhat subdued by this knowledge, we selected our class officers with the gravity befitting those of our station. Serving as leaders on the last lap of our journey were Richard Packer, President; Jim Baer, Vice-President; Sally Jarvis, Secretary; and Betty Bollinger, Treasurer. Our class took its position as the mainstay of the school, with many of our members distinguishing themselves.

Many Seniors utilized their executive prowess to good advantage, acting as presidents of the many school organizations. Among these were Carolyn Harting, Senior Y-Teens; Sally Jarvis, G.A.A.; Gerald Jerome, D.C.T.; Margaret Blanke, F.H.A.; Richard Smith, Student Council; Betty Bollinger, F.T.A.; Terry Farlow, National Honor Society and Senior Hi-Y; and Richard Packer, V Club.

As proof of the versatility of our class were Colletta Collette, Janet Kresicher, Audrey Kreischer, and Janice Wells, who cheered the athletic teams to victory. Shirley Johns and Doris Heath lent color to the band as they pranced down the field, bedecked in their majorette uniforms.

The 1952 Cougarmen proved themselves masters of the gridiron as they emerged from the season's competition undefeated and untied. Seniors contributing to the team's success were Dick Smith, Frank Scott, Mike Kennedy, Bob Kibler, Dick Packer, Jerry Fugazzi, Ed Linser, Lloyd Lee, Jim Young, and Willie Hernandez, with the latter trio being singled out to receive honors for their spectacular feats with the pigskin.

Indicative of the feminine pulchritude contained within the ranks of our class were Joyce Williman and Sue Eggers, who were chosen Queen and Senior Attendant respectively of the 1952 homecoming festivities.

When basketball season rolled around, we sent Jerry Fugazzi, Bob Wisenborn, Charles Spurlock, Bob Stemen, Jim Young, Jim Baer, and Willie Hernandez to the hardwood.

Sally Jarvis, Donna Hallam, Cynthia White, Laurie Gold, and Carolyn Kissel represented the local chapter in the DAR test.

Laurie Gold, Cynthia White, Sally Jarvis, Gerald Thatcher, Terry Farlow, and Larry Gilliland were elected to National Honor Society in their Junior year and this year Carolyn Kissel, Donna Hallam, Richard Smith, Jean Purdy, and Alyce Weck were inducted into the society.

Jack Conley, Terry Farlow, Larry Gilliland, Jim Young, Gerald Jerome, Richard Packer, Gerald Thatcher, Norman McDaniel, Richard Smith, Willie Hernandez, Frank Scott, and Haydn Williams were designated as Junior Rotarians.

The Senior Class Play, "Take Care of My Little Girl", employed many of our number in its cast.

All in all, our Senior year was a happy one, as were the other three years spent within the portals of Van Wert High. It is our fervent hope that our next few years will be as fruitful as the last four have been!

Thank you, Van Wert High School, for all you have done for us. May we ever be a credit to you!



SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Back to the salt mines!
V.W.H.S. welcomes 4 new faculty members and 18 new students.
- 12 - Football--We trim Bryan 33-19.
- 19 - Football--at Defiance. We beat' em 34-20.
- 23 - S.R.A. test--what's your I.Q?
- 26 - Election of class officers.
We slaughter Kenton for our first league win 52-6.

OCTOBER

- 3 - We make Homecoming complete by beating Bluffton 44-0.
- 9 - School pictures for Excalbur taken.
- 10 - Football--We slide by Bellefontaine 7-P.
- 17 - End of first six weeks. V. W. crushes Wapakoneta 34-0.
- 21 - Assembly--lecture on India.
- 24 - Whee!! No school. A cappella choir sang at N.W.O.T.A. meeting.
- 27 - Musical assembly.
- 31 - Football--Dad's Night. We trample St. Marys 33-7.

NOVEMBER

- 7 - Football--We capture WBL Championship as we triumph over Celina 12-0.
- 10 - Assembly--Lady M. D'Arcy from England.
- 11 - No school--Armistice Day.
- 14 - We finish the season UNDEFEATED AND UNTIED as we crumple Lima Central 26-0
- 18,19- Junior Class Play--"Beauty and the Beef".
Nice going, kids.
- 21 - Basketball at Paulding. We win our first game 70-49.
- 27,28 - Thanksgiving Vacation.
- 29 - Basketball at Lima Central.

DECEMBER

- 4,5,6- Every Pupil Tests, heh, heh.
- 5 - Football Banquet.
- 6 - Basketball--Defiance, Here. We lost, 79-61.
- 8,12 - National Photographic Awards Exhibit.
- 12 - Basketball--Ada, here. WE WON, 75-64.
- 16 - Y-Teens sing for convalescents.
- 17 - G.A.A. Christmas party.
- 19 - Basketball at Lima Shawnee. We lost, 71-67.
- 24 - Christmas vacation begins. Yippie!
- 26 - Celina Tournament. We beat Wapakoneta, 67-47.
- 27 - We win Celina Tournament, beating Shawnee, 73-59.
- 30 - Snowball.

JANUARY

- 2 - Basketball--Bellefontaine, here. We lost, 86-69.
- 5 - Christmas Vacation ends. . .
- 9 - Basketball at St. Marys. We lost, 74-65.
- 13,14 - Vocal Varieties.
- 15 - Varieties given for Polio Benefit.
- 16 - Basketball--Celina, here. We lost, 70-68.
- 23 - End of FIRST SEMESTER -- Whoopieee!
- Basketball at Wapakoneta. We lost, 65-61.
- 28 - G.A.A. Penny Lunch.
- 30 - Basketball--Lima South, here. We lost, 67-65.
- 31- Senior Scholarship Test.
- (1) Mr. Mather speaks at football banquet.
- (2) The Snowball.
- (3) Vocal Varieties Benefit.
- (4) The G.A.A. Penny Lunch.





FEBRUARY

- 6 - Basketball at Bluffton. We won, 60-56.
- 13 - Basketball--Kenton, here. We won 70-63.
- 14 - Basketball--Xenis Central, here. We won, 59-54.
- 20 - Basketball--Napoleon. We lost.
- 23 - Basketball tournament, vs. Bryan. We lost 87-57.

MARCH

- 6 - End of 4th Six weeks.
- 10 - Junior Math Test.
- 16 - Assembly--Hedley Hepworth-- "Immortal Characters of Dickens"
- 20 - G.A.A. Mixer
- 24,25 - Senior Class Play
- 27 - National Honor Society Induction
- 31 - Every Pupil Tests.

APRIL

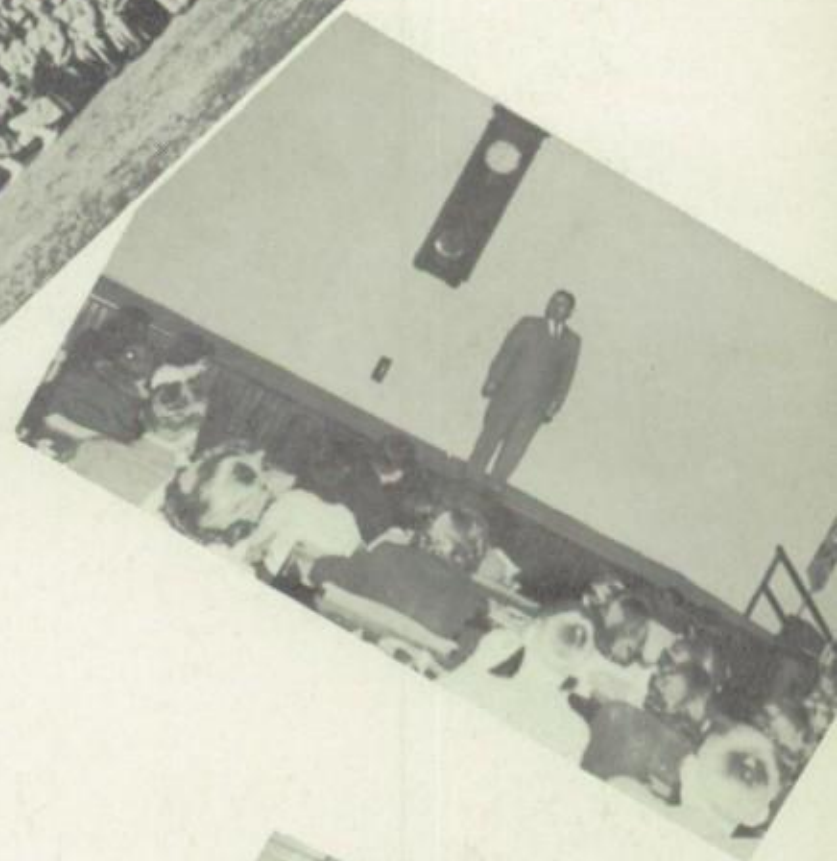
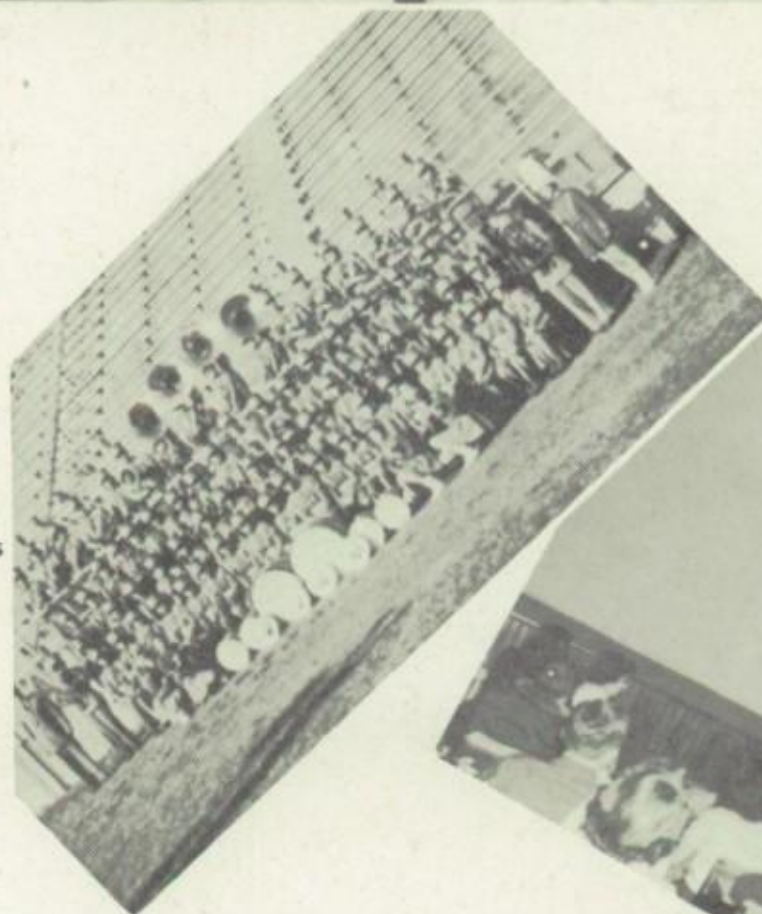
- 1,2 - Every Pupil Tests. Didn't "cram" did'ja?
- 2 - Y-Teen Easter Assembly.
- 3-6 - No School "hip hip!" Easter Vacation.
- 11 - State Solo and Ensemble Contest.
- 17 - End of 5th Six weeks (thoughts of flunking grow nearer)
- 18 - State Choral Contest.
- 20 - Assembly--Kurt Singer-- "The World is Your Problem"
- 21,22 - Band Concert.
- 24 - Hi-Y Ladies' Night.

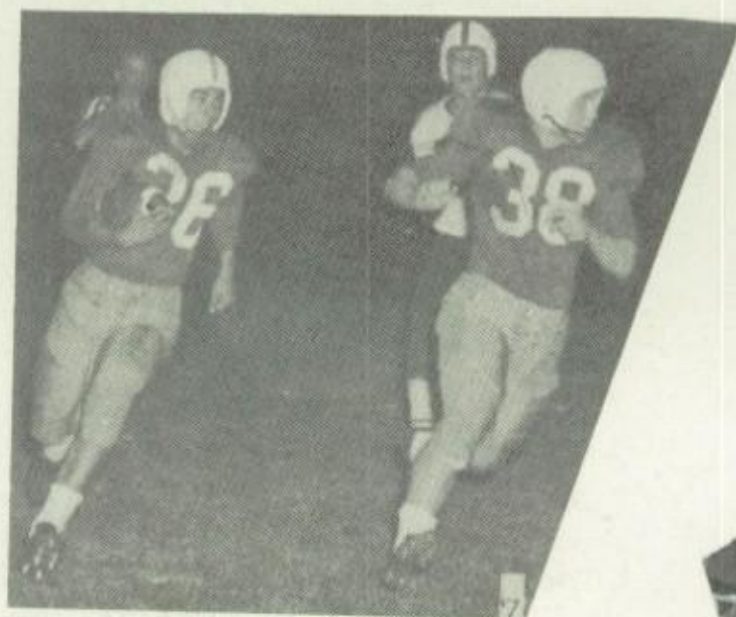
MAY

- 8 - Band Festival at Wapakoneta.
- 15 - Junior-Senior Prom.
- 22 - LAST DAY FOR SENIORS! Elks Dance.
- 24 - Baccalaureate.
- 28 - Commencement.
- 29 - Last day of school!

JUNE

- 2 - END OF SECOND SEMESTER!
- Good luck, grads of '53!





1. Our alma mater in wintertime is a majestic edifice rising from the snow.
2. The reserve cheerleaders in action.
3. Betty Lou, Donna, and Janet are admiring Alyce's "new look".
4. Nothing like a cold bottle of pop on a hot summer's day.
5. Jim Young (38), Don Doner (31), and Jim Jordan (30) start a Cougar scoring play.

6. The Quill's co-editors, Cyn and Janet.
7. Brigham and Willie (36) gain on an end around play.
8. Steve Moyer seems to be quite comfortable -- a typical VVHS student.
9. We seniors like to smile.
10. Lloyd Lee and Janice Brown are domesticating some wild animals.
11. Like the scoreboard and automatic clock, the study hall clock is symbolic of the many phases of high school life.

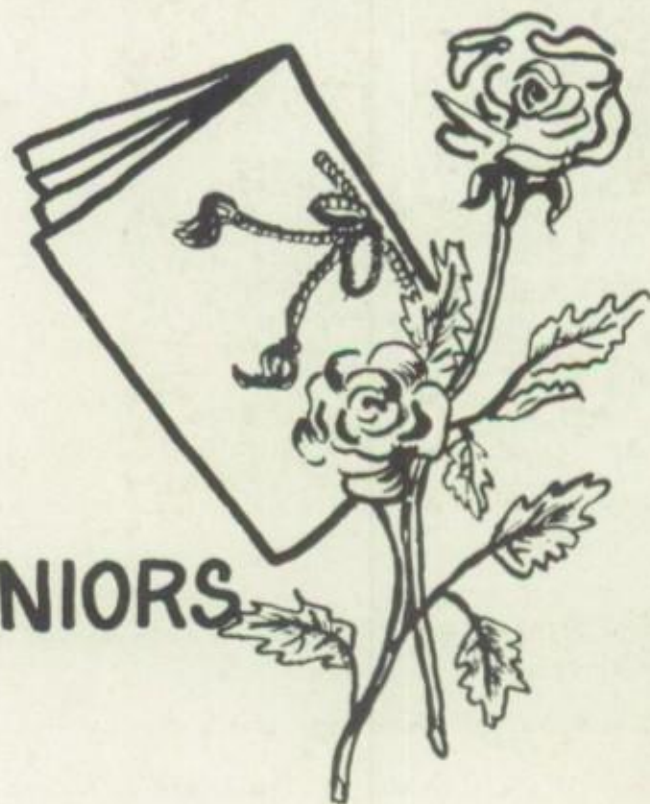
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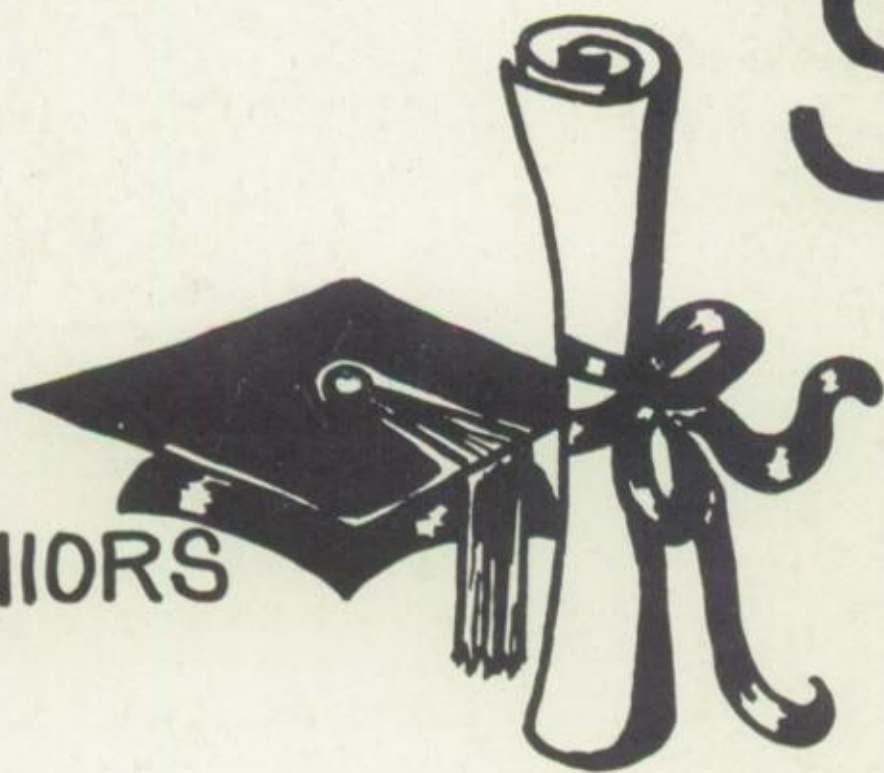


SOPHOMORES



JUNIORS

SENIORS



Our doubts are traitors,
And make us lose the good we oft might win
By fearing to attempt.

Measure for Measure-Act I-Line 78
William Shakespeare

Juniors



Roger Agler, Maxine Arnold, Jack Aurand, Kay Bagley, Colleen Baird.

Evangeline Barrientos, Rick Barrientos, John Blake, Elaine Bollenbacher, Jim Bowersock.

Carolyn Bradford, Karen Brockert, Kay Brown, Martha Brown, Gail Burgett.

Richard Carter, Beverly Case, Shirley Collins, Dale Conley, Yvonne Copelan.

Ronald Crowe, Maurice Dempsey, Gary Dierks, Carol Doner, Louis Dustman.

Marianne Edwards, Perry Kay Edwards, Rhea Elston, Jan Farlow, Elaine Fast.

Clara Furrell, Dick Giessler, Fred Giessler, Gale Gilliland, Bill Gingrich.

Bill Gipe, Jane Good, Ed Grimes, Jim Hall, Kay Halliwell, Shirley Height.

Juniors



Ann Helman, Mary Lou Herminghuysen,
Dave Hertel, Betty Hines, Dale Hire.



Loretta Huffine, Nancy Imler, Inez
Jenkins, Mary Jerome, Dean Johns



Joan Johnson, Alice Jones, Ollen Jones,
Beverly Keipper, Dale Keirns



Mile Keith, Beverly Kessler, Eva Kay
Kessler, Tom Kiggins, Kenny Knittle.



Karl Knodel, Travis Kouts, Barbara
LaLonde, Don Lamb, Bob Lippi



Donnie Lowe, Sharon McCollum, Danny
McConahay, Larry McDaniels, Helen
Mace



Delores Martin, Jerry Martz, Grace Mefferd
Nancy Mericle, Carol Miller



Ginger Miller, Marcia Miller, Stanley
Miller, Kathleen Moore, Steve Moyer

Dan Murphy

Juniors



Judy Nash, Donna Parsons, Roger Poling, Joy Preston, Kay Preston

Pat Pritchard, Joe Raabe, Sue Rager, Charles Richey, Dan Riggensbach

Larry Roesnor, Tatiana Rouse, Nathaniel Schadt, Stanley Scott, Pat Semer

Janet Shaffer, Joan Shaw, Joan Shook, Bob Shupe, Roxanna Smitley

Shirley Speakman, Benny Spearman, Benny Spieth, Mike Spray, John Stucke

Sandra Sullivan, Phil Tanner, Shirley Thomlinson, Arlene Torres, Carol Unterbrink

Bill Waldron, Jack Waldron, Joan Well, Martha Wermer, Mary Wermer.

Bill Werts, Jim Wilson, Lester Wisene, Sally Worthington, Jim Yahn, Margaret Young, Shirly Zinsmeister.

Sophomores



Starley Agler, Hugh Ackerman, John Alvarado, David Ashbaugh, Ronald August

Betty Baker, Ronald Bagley, Francis Balliet Dianne Barlet, Judy Beal

Nancy Beams, Margaret Bell, Mary Bell, Jack Blackmore, Dorothy Block

Don Bordon, David Boroff, Iona Brenneman Janice Brown, Gary Brunni

Jerry Busch, Larry Butler, Peggy Butler, Rose Campbell, Carolyn Chivington

Allen Clouse, Donna Copeland, Shirley Corathers, Janet Cowgill, Emily Crowe

Marcia Denig, Ronald Dilbone, Judy Driscoll, Don Dunifon, Bob Dunn

Martha Dunno, Nancy Dustman, Sandra Dysert, Lloyd Early, Phil Edsall

Sophomores



Carol Eggerss, Carol Evans, Howard Fellers, Don Finkhousen, Carol Font

Julia Ford, Bill Gallaway, Jackie Geismar, Marcia Geisman, Alice Germann

Carl Gingrich, Dan Gorman, Edgar Grimes, Ed Grunden, Duane Hainline

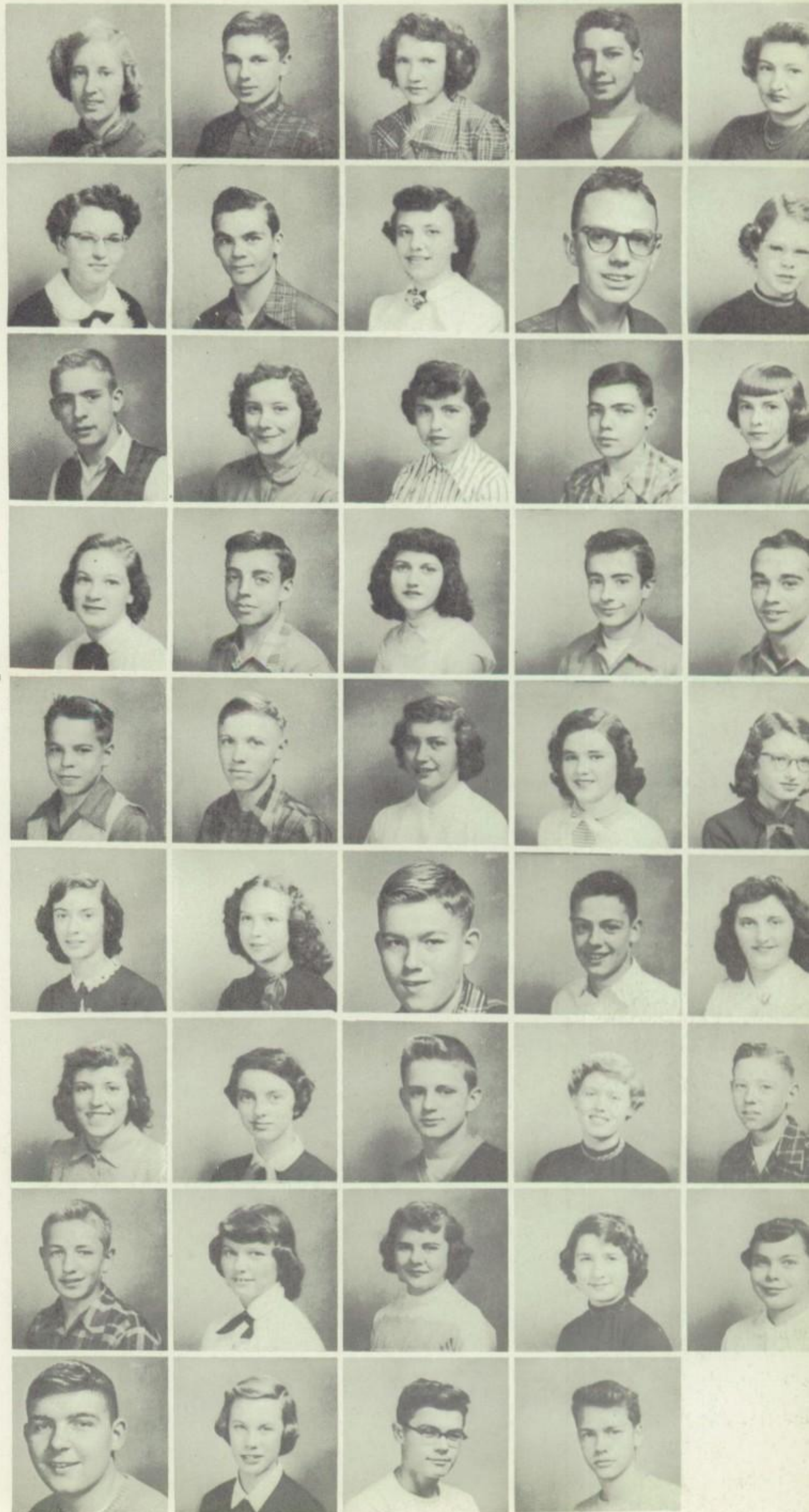
Jean Hipsley, Don Hire, Marcia Ireton, Helen Jacks, Bill Johns

Dorothy Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Jim Jordan, Peggy Kear, Bob Keith

Barbara Kesler, Jerry Klick, Harry Kouts, Bill Kreischer, Lawrence Krick

Raymond LaLonde, Richard LaLonde, Denny Linser, Joyce McCammon, Jim Mager

Sophomores



Leah May, John Merkle, Barbara Miller,
Bob Mills, Berthajane Myers.

Luella Phillips, Bill Pontius, Ester
Price, Jay Prichard, Ester Prishey.

Jay Reed, Shirley Renner, Pat Rex Don
Rhodenbaugh, Danna Rider.

Shirley Riley, Bob Schaffner, Barbara
Schisler, LaDoyt Schweikle, Larry Sharp.

Bob Sherman, Gerald Slane, Barbara Smith
Sharon Smith, Linda Spitler.

Marilyn Spridgeon, Connie Stahl, Dale
Steele, Gary Stoller, Bonnie Stripe.

Ginger Taylor, Colleen Thatcher, Don
Tomlinson, Ann Turner, Jack Uncapher

Ralph Unterbrink, Peggy Waldron, Nancy
Waymire, Marilyn Weck, Joan Welker

Bob Werts, Linda White, Gene Wilson,
Gene Witherow



Freshmen

Marcia Agler, Jerry Baer, Linda Bagley,
Janet Beck, Jim Benfield.

David Billings, Beverly Blake, Paul
Bohner, Shirley Bohner, Pat Boroff

Roger Boroff, Devon Bricker, Mary
Brooks, Harold Brown, Rita Brown

Margie Buecker, Delores Burk, Dixie
Butler, Gary Cobb, Jesse Cooper

Mickael DeMoss, Beverly Dempsey,
Dennis Dersham, Jim Dilbone, Harry Du

Shirley Dustman, Lynn Eikenberry, Bill
Emrick, Bob Exline, Sue Farlow

Arnell Fast, Bill Feasby, Roger Felger,
Delores Fisher, Jim Fowler

Ronald Frey, Janet Gallaspie, Terry
Gamble, Jim Geisman, Tom Giessler

Barbara Gilliland, Bill Gilland, Frank
Gilland, Jim Gilliland, Janet Ginzal

Arthur Good, Jerry Gribler, Ramona
Grimes, Max Grimm, Walter Grunden



Freshmen

Harold Haight, Shiela Hallam, Sam Haller,
Betty Halliwell, Lewis Hammons

Tom Harden, Zack Hartman, Charles Heath,
Hilda Heath, Gale Himrod

Bob Holmes, Dorita Hook, Larry Houston,
Phil Jarvis, Margaret Jerome

Rosalee Jetmore, Larry Johns, Carl
Johnson, Jim Jones, Karen Katterheinrich

John Keirns, Bill Kesler, Linda
Kirchenbauer, Paul Kouts, Vernon Laing

Bill Lane, Jim Lane, Phyllis Lane Lynnda
Leary, Larry Lehman,

Jim Leonard, Jeanette Lewis, Larry Ley,
Arland Lintermoot, Linda Longwell

Lloyd McMichael, Bob Mager, Sheila
Malinowski, Mary Marquis, Charles Mason

Dick Mazock, Elaine Mericle, Mary Mericle,
Tom Metzger, Carol Michalec

Don Mengerink, Marlene Mihm, Marvin
Mihm, Larry Miller, Ronald Miller



Freshmen

Virginia Miller, Ruthell Miracle, Mary Mohler, Harold Mohr, Rachel Morris

Ann Mottinger, Jim O'Mara, Russell Pangle, Charles Parsons, Max Pritchard

Curtiss Proffitt, Marcia Putman, Roger Ralesback, Pat Rodman, Phyllis Roesne

Binalee Runser, Ned Runyon, Dale Saam, Paul Sargent, Gloria Schoonover

Terry Schwinnen, Ken Seibert, Hellen Shaw, Dick Schick, Kenneth Sites

Alice Smith, Ronald Speakman, Justus Speelman, Yvonne Sterrett, Anita Tanner

Wilma Taylor, Robert Urton, Peggy Wable, Mary Wells, Joyce Williams

Ronald Williams, Pat Williamson, Sue Williman, Larry Wills, Larry Winover

Jim Wiseman, Robert Witherow, Jack Worthington, Ray Yahn, Bob Yound

Roger Youtsey, Judy Zinsmaster



Junior Class History

As we, the class of 1954, entered the doors of Van Wert High School this year, we had an air of pride and majesty about us. We were now upper classmen. No longer were we to be humble and obeying in the presence of our elders. Our first duty was to go to the polls. With the aid of much electioneering we choose the following: President, Danny Murphy; Vice-President, Kathleen Moore; Secretary, Ann Helman; and Treasurer, Kay Preston. Our representatives to the Student Council were John Blake, Kay Brown, Richard Giessler, Danny Murphy, Benny Spieth, Sally Worthington, and Charles Richey. John Blake was elected Vice-President of the Council.

Several athletically inclined fellows contributed to Van Wert's undefeated, untied football champions. Among these were Roger Agler, Bill Dias, Travis Kouts, Ron Doner, Danny McConahy, Gale Gilliland, Nathan Schaad, Phil Tanner, Gerry Dierks, Jack Waldron, Lester Wisener, and Charles Richey. Ronnie Lowe was the team manager. Ron Doner was placed on the all WBL first team with Phil Tanner receiving honorable mention. As soon as we finished football, we jumped into basketball. We have a very good representation there also in Bill Gipe, Stan Miller, Dave Hertel, Danny Murphy, and Charles Richey. Kenny Knittle was a very good manager. Cheering our teams on to victory were Evangeline Barrientos, Joanne Johnson, and Carolyn Bradford. We were proud to have Phil Tanner, Bill Dias, Travis Kouts, Gale Gilliland, Nathan Schaad, Bill Gipe, Danny Murphy, Ron Doner, Dan McConahy, Ronnie Lowe, and Charles Richey in the V-Club.

"Beauty and the Beef", a hilarious three-act play was presented by the members of the Junior Class.

Kay Brown was our Homecoming attendant.

Cabinet members of different organizations are Senior Y-Teens, Joan Well, Ann Helman, Joy Preston, Kathleen Moore, Karen Brockert, Marianne Edwards, Shirley Speakman, Jane Good, Reha Elston, and Sharon McCollum; F.F.A., Bill Dias, Ed Grimes, and Travis Kouts; G.A.A., Kay Brown, Evangeline Barrientos, Maxine Arnold, Joan Shaw, and Nancy Mericle, and F.H.A., Eva Kay Kesler, Pat Prichard, and Joan Shaw.

Ring and Pin Committee members are Sharon McCollum, Loretta Huffine, John Blake, Joe Raabe, Richard Giessler, and Danny Murphy. National Honor Society members are Kay Brown, Perry Kay Edwards, Ann Helman, Kathleen Moore, and Charles Richey.

As we enter our final year of high school we will look back upon these happenings with a smile of satisfaction and try to improve ourselves to the full expectations of our friends.

Charles Richey

Sophomore Class History

Freshmen yesterday, Sophomores today, as time travels by so fast. We had a very pleasant Freshman year and now find the new one just as pleasant.

We opened the year by electing Jim Jordon President; Don Tomlinson Vice-President; Phyllis Heffner Secretary; and Marilyn Weck Treasurer.

Ronny Bagley was made Secretary of the Student Council while many others were members.

Representing us in football were John Alvarado, Jerry Busch, Larry Butler, Ron Dilbone, Howard Fellers, Don Gorman, Walter Grunden, Jim Jordon, Bob Keith, Jim Mager, and Gene Witherow.

Leading us on to victory were Carol Eggers on the Varsity Cheerleading Squad and Nancy Waymire on the Reserve. Janice Brown as Drum Majorette led the High School Band, and Dorothy Johnson was chosen as Homecoming Attendant.

We were represented in F.H.A. by Joan Welker, Treasurer and Marcia Ireton, Historian.

In Jr. Hi-Y we had Gary Stoller President; Bob Mills Vice President; Gene Wilson Treasurer; and David Ashbaugh Secretary.

Jr. Y-Teens had in its cabinet: Judy Driscoll President, Janice Brown Vice President, Carol Eggers Secretary, and Marilyn Weck Treasurer.

Our boys on the basketball squad were David Ashbaugh, Jerry Busch, Ron Dilbone,

Don Finkhousen, Jim Jordon, Harry Kouts, Bob Mills, Gary Stoller, Don Tomlinson, and Bob Werts.

We had twenty-six boys and girls in the A Capella Choir.

We as future Juniors, hope the last two years of high school will be just as pleasant as the first two.

Marilyn Spridgeon

Freshman Class History

"Whew! Here we are at last!", smiled 146 Freshmen as we walked up to Van Wert High School on the morning of September 8, 1952 for the first time. But when we opened the door, cries of "greenie" assailed us and our happy thoughts turned to "Here we go again."

After a few weeks of settling down, we had gained sufficient equilibrium to elect class officers amid campaign promises of "dates for all Freshmen girls and a committee to do your homework." These officers were Bob Young, President; Jim Jones, Vice-President; Anita Tanner, Secretary; and Mary Marquis, tight fisted Treasurer.

Lynne Eikenberry, Delores Burke, Sue Williman, Bill Emrick, and Bob Young represented us on the Student Council.

The Rendezvous Committee consisted of a few Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and Sue Farlow, Tom Harden, Sue Williman, and Bob Young.

The Freshman representative to the G.A.A. cabinet was Peggy Wable.

Delores Burke was our attendant to the Homecoming Queen.

Bob Young, Jim Jones, Walt Grunded, Max Grimm, Tom Harden, Bill Emrick, Kenny Seibert, Don Mengerink, Dick Mason, David Billings, Art Good, Marvin Mihm, Jim Fowler, Charles Heath, Bob Mager, Jim Gilliland, Harold Brown, Harold Haight, Jim Geisman, Bob Holmes, and Terry Gamble carried the pigskin for Van Wert.

Bob Young, Bill Emrick, Tom Harden, Sam Haller, and Larry Winover played basketball under Coach Coon.

As reserve cheerleaders, Elaine Mericle, Sue Farlow, and Linda Bagley cheered our team on to victory.

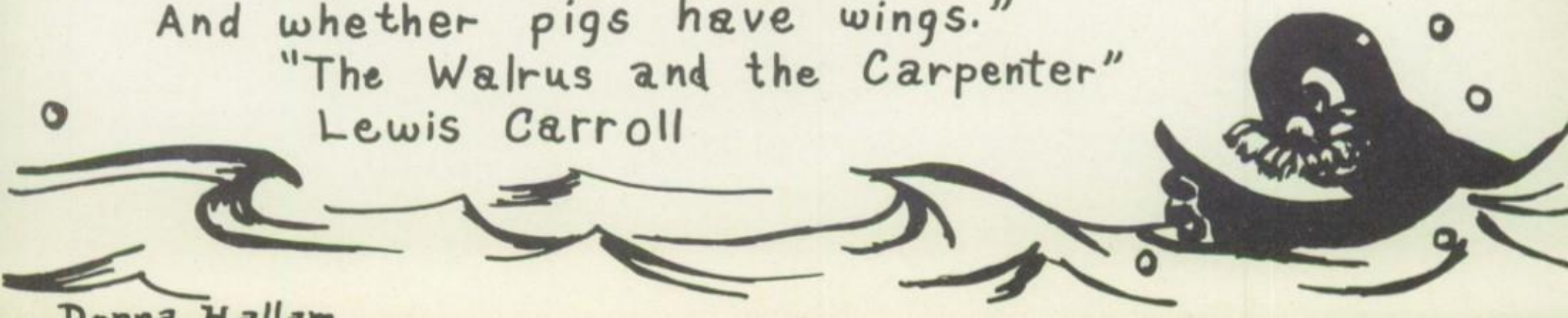
As we look back on this, our first year at Van Wert High, we realize that it has been hard work, but that it has been fun, too. With this in mind, we can look forward to our Sophomore year and the ability to look down upon the coming "greenies."

Anita Tanner



"The time has come," the walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes-and ships-and sealing wax-
Of cabbages-and Kings-
And why the sea is boiling hot-
And whether pigs have wings."

"The Walrus and the Carpenter"
Lewis Carroll



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Row 1: Sally Jarvis, Larry Gilliland, Gerald Thatcher, Miss Hall, Terry Farlow, Laurie Gold, Cynthia White.

Row 2: Perry Kay Edwards, Carolyn Kissel, Alyce Weck, Donna Hallam, Dick Smith, Charles Richey, Kathleen Moore, Jean Purdy, Ann Helman, Kay Brown.

The Van Wert chapter of the National Honor Society received its charter in 1930 and has been operating under the direction of Miss Grace Hall ever since that time.

The high standards set by the Society are character, scholarship, leadership, and service. A flaming torch, symbolizing knowledge, set upon a keystone is the symbol of the club. At the base of this emblem are the letters C S L S, denoting the qualities for which the organization stands.

Five Juniors and five Seniors were taken into the club at the annual induction service held March 13. They were: Kay Brown, Perry Kay Edwards, Ann Helman, Kathleen Moore, Charles Richey, Donna Hallam, Carolyn Kissel, Jean Purdy, Dick Smith, and Alyce Weck. Members selected last year were Terry Farlow, Larry Gilliland, Laurie Gold, Sally Jarvis, Gerald Thatcher, and Cynthia White.

The officers for the 1952-53 year were Terry Farlow, President; Gerald Thatcher, Vice-President; and Laurie Gold, Secretary.

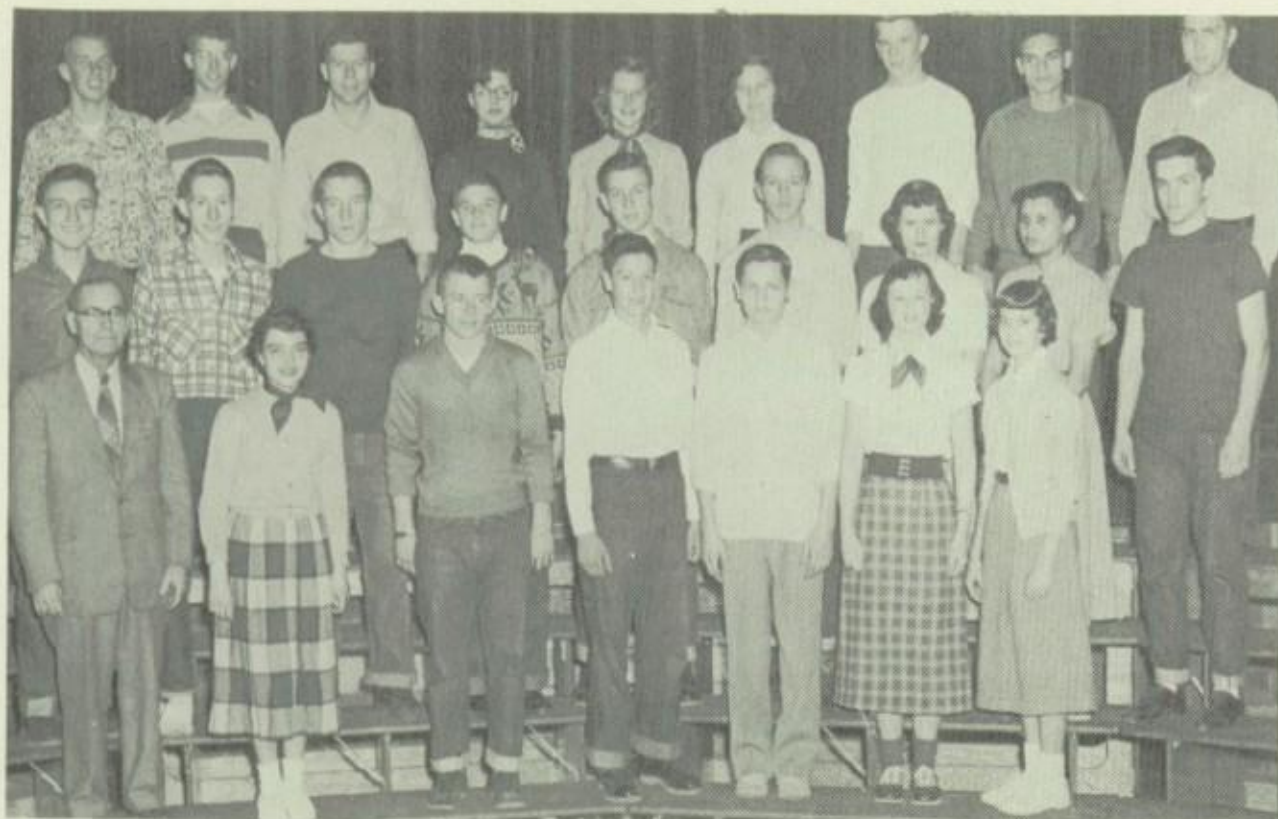
CONGRATULATIONS, MISS HALL



Miss Grace Hall

This year the Class of 1953 wish especially to honor an individual who, in a sense, might also be said to be graduating. Many hundreds of Van Wert High School students have known the strenght of the guiding hand of Miss Grace Hall as they have threaded their way through the maze of Latin or English IV. Now she is retiring. She has seen students come to her classes and go and their children come. Her wit, her wisdom, and her ready smile have meant much not only to her students but also to her fellow teachers. We are certain that Miss Hall's many years of successful teaching have given her a very broad post-graduate education. We, who have known her so well, are happy to say, "Congratulations, Miss Hall. You are graduating at the head of the class".

Robert Baker



Student Council

Row 1-- Mr. Gallapoo, Kay Brown, Bob Young, Gary Stoller, Ben Speith, Lynn Eikenberry, Sue Williman. Row 2-- Jim Baer, John Blake, Jim Jordan, Dan Murphy, Bob Keith, Bill Emrick, Nancy Mayer, Sally Worthington, Dick Giessler. Row 3-- Jerry Busch, Ron Bagley, Dick Packer, Sally Jarvis, Cynthia White, Betty Bolinger, Chuck Richey, Howard Fellers, Dick Smith

Student Council, the governing organization of the student body, was very busy this year with their various activities. The Council was in charge of the call-out telephone and the pencil case. Surveys were conducted to determine the reaction of the student body to various changes in school. Dad's Night at the St. Marys game and a mixer were also sponsored by the organization. Mr. Gallapoo and Mr. Baker were advisers for the Student Council. The following officers were elected for the 1952-53 year: Dick Smith, President; John Blake, Vice-President; and Ron Bagler, Secretary.

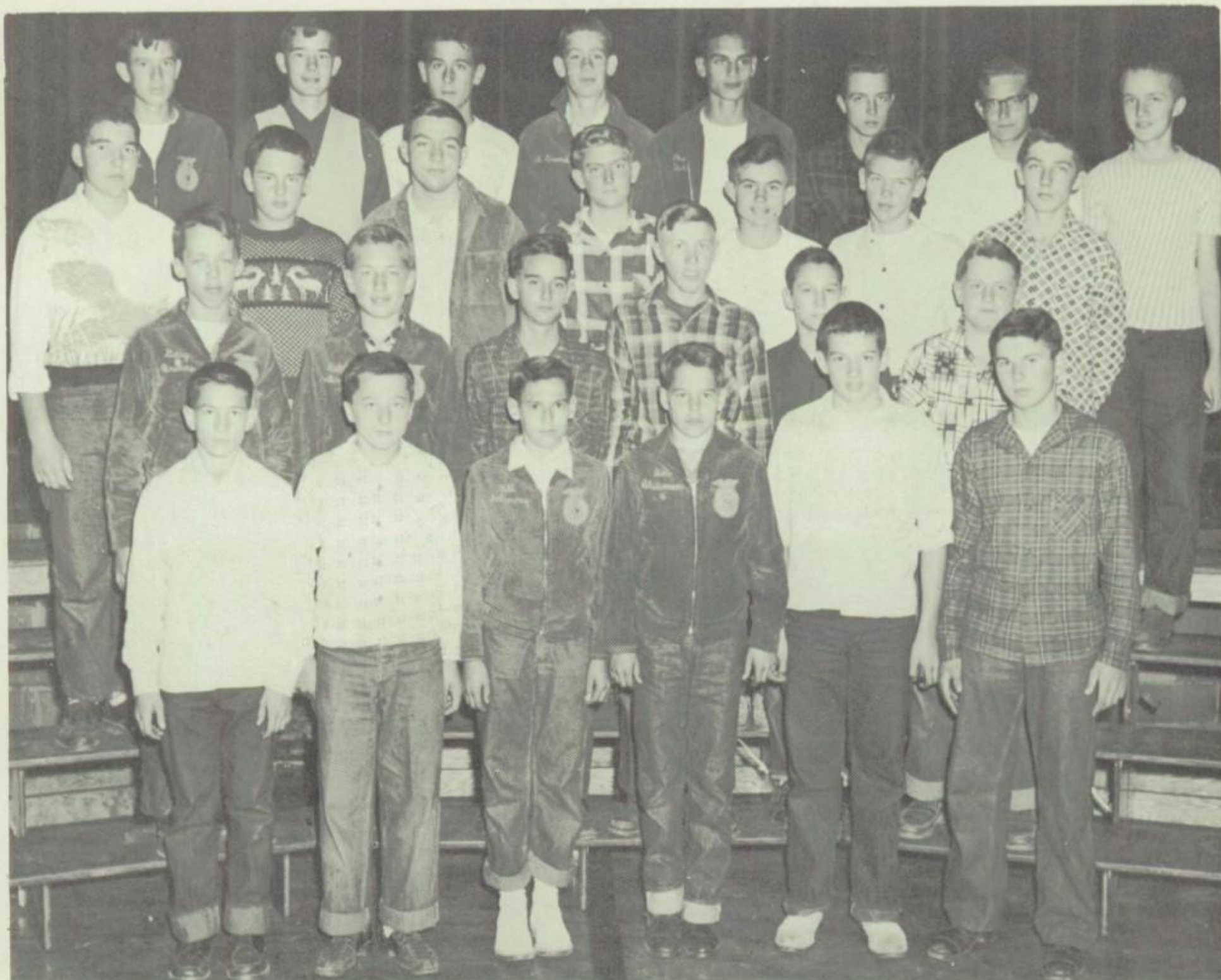
FUTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Future Teachers of America, a national organization, was established to interest young people in the teaching profession. This year the major activity of the group was substitute teaching in the first and second grades. This was done twice during the year while the teachers were having conferences with the parents. The club heard several faculty members speak on the subject "Why I Chose the Teaching Profession."

Officers for the 1952-1953 year were Betty Bolinger, President; Larry Gilliland, Vice-President; Fay Cooper, Secretary, and Carolyn Kissel, Treasurer.



Row One: Faye Ann Cooper, Sylvia Thomas, Joyce Williams, Carolyn Kissel, Joan Frey, Betty Wydallis. Row Two: Judith Nash, Sheila Hallam, Roxanna Kreischer, Larry Gilliland, Betty Golinger, Ester Price, Mr. Gallapoo.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Bottom row left to right: Paul Sargent, Tom Giessler, Bill Galloway, Bob Sherman, Bob Mager, John Merkle.

Second row: Gary Brunni, Ralph Unterbrink, Dale Saam, Gerald Slane, Harold Haight, Jess Cooper.

Third row: Walt Grunden, Art Good, Jim Wiseman, Bill Kreischer, Jim Mager, Jim Gilliland, Fred Giessler.

Fourth row: Edgar Grimes, Dan Gorman, Harry Kouts, Ed Grunden, Howard Fellers, Morrell Allen, Max Grimm, Bob Morrison.

The Van Wert-Marsh F.F.A. chapter has finished the year with flying colors. These young farmers received top county, district, and state awards in many different judging contests. They were awarded the gold rating for Parliamentary Procedure in county, district, and state contests.

The chapter was honored by having Travis Kouts sing as a member of the Ohio delegation in the National F.F.A. Chorus at Kansas City, Missouri. Representatives to Kansas City were Bob Kibler, Ed Brunni, Haydn Williams, and Fred Giessler. Bob Kibler and Travis Kouts represented the chapter at Columbus for the Farm Bureau Convention.

The activities of the year included a pest hunt, a Parent and Son Banquet, a high school mixer, and an assembly presented in accordance with National F.F.A. week.

The officers for the year were Bill Dias, President; Fred Giessler, Vice-President; Travis Kouts, Secretary; Ed Grimes, Treasurer; Ed Brunni, Reporter; Bob Kibler, Sentinel; and Haydn Williams, Historian. Mr. Dwight Smith is their adviser.

F.H.A.



Row 1: Left to right: Miss Juanita Baxter, Marcia Ireton, Janet Cowgill, Eva Kesler, Margaret Blanke, Pat Prichard, Joan Shaw, Joan Welker, Jean Taylor, Miss Mary Sawyer.

Row 2: Nancy Beams, Emily Crow, Barbara Miller, Bonnie Stripe, Barbara Kesler, Georgia Mace, Dixie Butler, Beverly Dempsey, Shirley Bohner, Judith Zinsmeister.

Row 3: Berthajane Myers, Janet Gallaspie, Margaret Young, Coleen Thatcher, Marjorie Buecker, Alice Smith, Jeanette Lewis, Rosalie Jutmore, Hilda Heath, Sheila Malinowski, Ruth Ell Miracle, Bina Lee Runser.

The Future Homemakers of America, under the able tutelage of Miss Mary Sawyer and Miss Juanita Baxter, are again enjoying a successful club year. This year the local chapter comprised thirty girls, with the following people holding cabinet positions: Margaret Blanke, President; Joan Shaw, Vice-President; Eva Kesler, Secretary; Joan Welker, Treasurer; Marcia Ireton, Historian; Pat Prichard, Parliamentarian; Marilyn Weck, Pianist. Mrs. James Ireton served the girls as club mother.

The future homemakers engaged in many civic projects. This year the patients of the Van Wert County Hospital were the recipients of the girls' magnanimity. As their project for National FHA Week the girls bedecked the tray of each patient in the hospital with a red and a white carnation, carrying out the club's color theme. However, the girls' generosity embraces more territory than the home front, for they sent packages of food and clothing to Korean boys and girls as their service project.

The FHA maintains a food concession stand at the home football games and thereby obtains a part of the funds that it utilizes to such good advantage.

In November the girls were hostesses to the Bi-County rally, at which the Mercer County FHA girls were their guests.

On the docket for the organization are the formal initiation of new members, the annual Mothers' Tea, installation dinner and Senior recognition, and the all important conferment of degrees.

The FHA is one of the most useful and worthwhile organizations in our school. The communities in which these girls reside will benefit from their training as FHA girls. Roses to you, Miss Sawyer and Miss Baxter, for the maintenance of such a fine group!

Girls' Athletic Association



Row One- Peg Butler, Danna Rider, Marilyn Spridgeon, Sally Jarvis, Nancy Mericle, Cynthia White, Barbara LaLonde, Joan Shaw, Evangline Barrientoes, Maxine Arnold, Peg Wable, Betty Johnson, Laurie Gold, Alyce Weck.

Row Two- Mrs. Lela Duprey, Janet Beck, Shirley Riley, Rose Campbell, Emily Crowe, Janice Wells, Colletta Collette, Sylvia Thomas, Barbara Beretich, Shirley Bener, Ruthell Mericle, Phuliss Roesner, Sue Farlow.

Row Three- Barbara Gilliland, Mary Brooks, Nancy Waymire, Jean Taylor, Dixie Butler, Nancy Harruff, Carol Eggerss, Shirley Collins, Mary Hillery, Sheila Malinowski, Linda Bagley, Mary Lou Herminghuysen, Dorothy Block, Mary Marquis.

Row Four- Martha Dunno, Virginia Miller, Alice May Geisman, Jackie Geisman, Donna Copeland, Starley Agler, Joan Frey, Margaret Stripe, Audrey Kreischer, Georgia Mace, Clarabell Furrell, Grace Mefford, Elaine Mericle, Mary Wells, Karen Katterheinrich.

Row Five- Peg Kear, Betty Halliwell, Colleen Thatcher, Connie Stahl, Beverly Case, Jayne Boroff, Roxanna Kreischer, Liz Osborn, Pat Pritchard, Ann Turner, Barbara Smith, Dorothy Johnson, Pat Boroff, Marcia Putman.

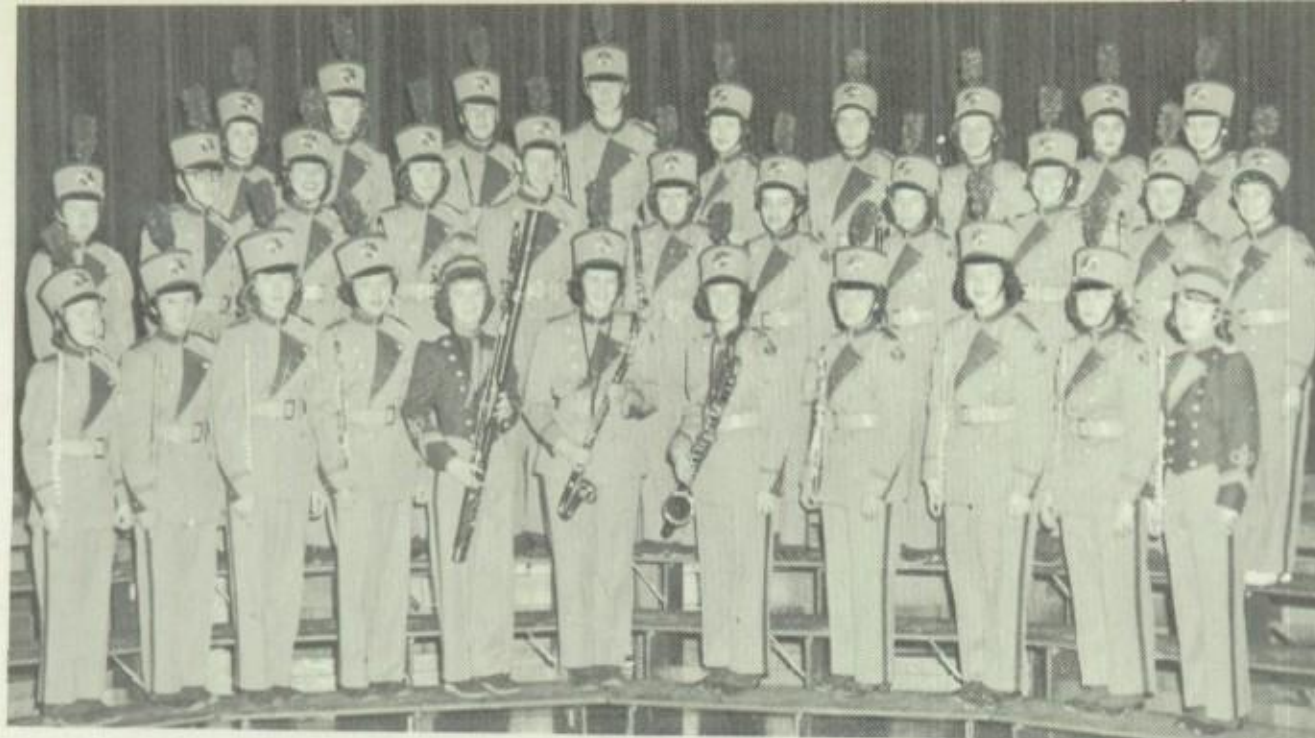
The G.A.A. activities began this year with the annual hike, which provided the necessary twenty-five points to join the club.

The girls participate in many sports in order to earn their point. These sports include speedball, basketball, volleyball, softball, ping-pong, swimming, hiking, biking, skating, and bowling.

Club activities for this year included football and basketball potlucks, an initiation dinner, a penny lunch, a dance, a play day for the eighth grade girls, a tea for the mothers, and a banquet held at the end of the school year honoring the Seniors and new cabinet members.

Sally Jarvis served as President; Cynthia White, Vice- President; Barbara LaLonde, Secretary; Sue Eggerss, Treasurer; Nancy Mericle, Basketball Manager; Maxine Arnold, Assistant Manager; Laurie Gold, Program Chairman; Alyce Weck, Assistant Chairman; Joanne Johnson, Volleyball Manager; Kay Jerome, Speedball Manager; Joan Shaw, Softball Manager; Danna Rider, Hiking and Biking Manager; Marilyn Spridgeon, Swimming and Skating Manager; Peg Butler, Bowling and Ping-Pong Manager; Evangeline Barrientoes, Historian; and Peg Wable, Freshman Representative. Mrs. Rufus Duprey is the adviser.

Band



Row 1--Lynnda Leary, Linda Kirchenbauer, Karen Katterheinrich, Reha Elston, Doris Heath, Judy Driscoll, Peggy Kear, Loretta Huffine, Shiela Hallum, Joy Preston, Sandra Sullivan. Row 2--Rachael Morris, Bill Gingrich, Martha Dunno, Carol Miller, Don Bordon, Mary Hillery, Kay Brown, Betty Hines, Anita Tanner, Deloris Fisher, Sue Williman. Row 3--Shirley Zinsmeister, Elaine Fast, David Stuber, Gary Cobb, Elaine Bollenbacher, Shirley Benford, Sharon McCollum, Elaine Gamble, Beverly Blake

On the morning of September 8, 1952, approximately eighty-five band members reported to rehearsal at eight o'clock. They wasted no time preparing for the first football game and they performed at the majority of the games thereafter.

Following the football season the band worked on the Christmas program which was presented to the student body December 23. The highlight of the program was "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with the majorettes imitating a reindeer.

The Northwest District All Star Band Festival was held January 24 at Bluffton, Ohio, where Van Wert was represented by Shirley Benford and Kay Brown, clarinetists; Stan Miller, baritone; Kathleen Moore, flute; Stephen Moyer, trombone; and Gerald Thatcher, cornet.

The sudden illness of Mr. Leonard Wolf, director of the Van Wert Band for twenty-four consecutive years, resulted in Mr. Herbert Jones directing the band the second semester.

The band traveled to the new Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, February 8, to see the Barnum and Bailey Shrine Circus.

The annual band concert was presented April 21 and 22. This event was one of the most important all year, and much time and effort was expended to make the concert a success.

On May 8, the Northwest Ohio Band Festival was held at Kenton, Ohio. This event marked the last time the Seniors marched with the band.

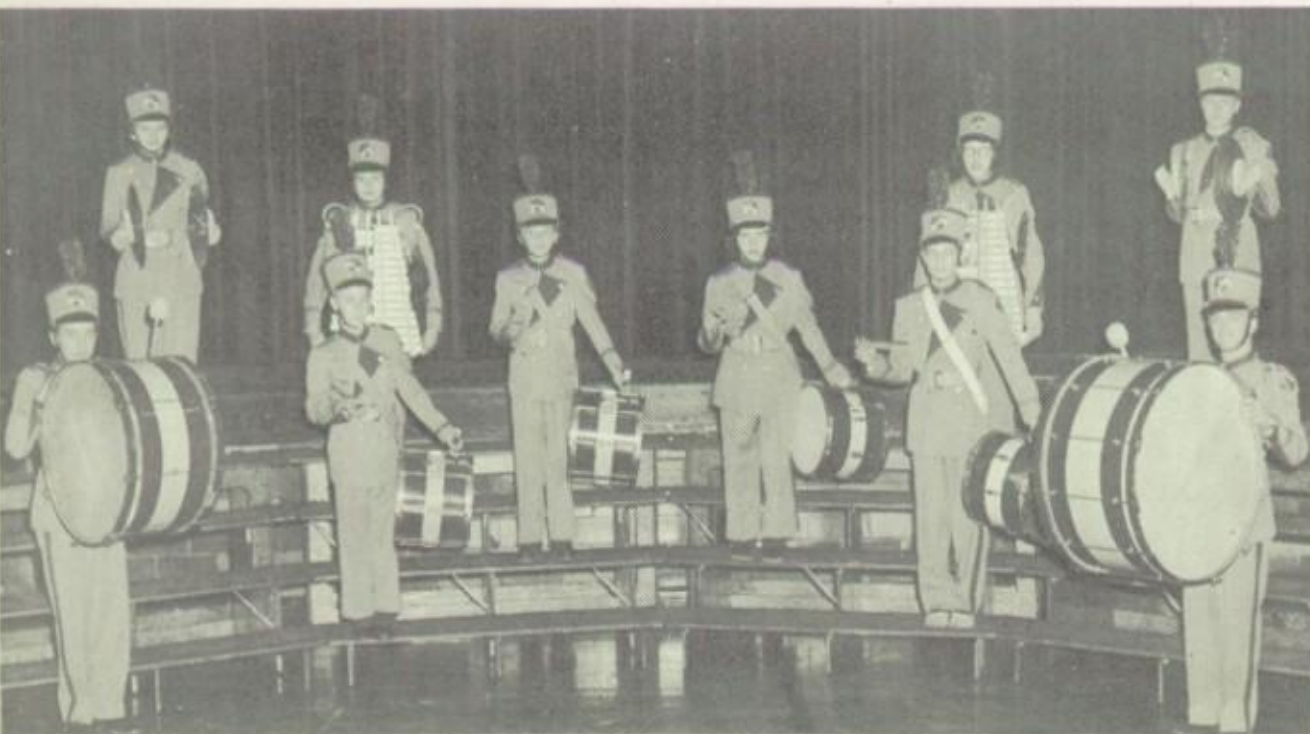


Janice Brown, Nancy Mericle, Shirley Johns, Doris Heath, Sandra Sullivan





Row 1--Jim Lane, Marilyn Hines, Don Rhodenbaugh, Sue Rager, Gerald Thatcher, Peggy Wable, Larry Ley, Vernon Laing, Shirley Dustman, Mary Jerome. Row 2-- Dickie Shock, Patty Boroff, Deloris Martin, Jim Bowersock, Stephen Moyer, Yvonne Copeland, Denny Dersham, Joe Raabe, Ruth Mericle. Row 3--Stanley Miller, Jerry Gribler, Jay Prichard, Bill Gilland, Karl Gingrich, Carl Johnson.



Jim Leonard, Phyllis Heffner, Robert Exline, Joyce Williman, Benny Spearman, Pat Rex, Benny Spieth, Kathleen Moore, Devor Bricker, Russell Gipe



Esther Price, Sandra Dysert, Betty Bolinger, Jim Yahn, Margaret Jerome Inez Jenkins.

A Cappella Choir



Row 1: Marianne Edwards, Kay Brown, Ginger Taylor, Shirley Zinsmeister, Janet Kreischer, Mary Jerome, Nancy Dustman, Peggy Kear, Judy Nash, Starley Agler, Loretta Huffine, Evangeline Barrientos, Sharon McCollum, Marcia Miller, Marcia Ireton, Perry Kay Edwards, Rose Campbell, Janet Baker, Betty Geisman, Joy Preston.

Row 2: Jackie Geisman, Elaine Bollenbacher, Janice Brown, Betty Lou Bolinger, Fay Ann Cooper, Joan Wells, Joyce McCammon, Judy Driscoll, Marilyn Spridgeon, Sandra Harting, Nancy Mayer, Marcia Deing, Carol Eggerss, Elaine Gamble, Esther Price, Carol Doner, Colletta Collette, Alice Jones, Delores Martin, Laurie Gold.

Row 3: Dianne Bartlett, Margaret Blanke, Donna Hallum, Jane Good, Iona Brennaman, Martha Dunno, Sally Worthington, Emily Crowe, Carolyn Harting, Sue Eggerss, Elaine Fast, Martha Brown, Karen Brockert, Joyce Williman.

Row 4: Gerald Jerome, Roger Sherman, Fred Geissler, Morrell Allen, Nathan Schaadt, Gary Stoller, Max Smith, John Blake, Bob Kibler, Jack Conley, Russell Gipe, Fred Klausing, Gene Wilson, Jim Miller, Bill Waldron, Joe Raabe, Kenny Knittle, Benny Spieth, Gail Burgett, Karl Gingrich, Mr. Herbert Jones.

Row 5: Dick Smith, Jerry Busch, Jim Hall, Charles Richey, Stephen Moyer, Bill Pontius, Gerry Dierks, Jim Wilson, Mike Kennedy, Frank Hall, Lloyd Lee, Dick Packer, Richard Scaer, Gary Duxtater, Bob Shupe, Bob Lippi, Haydn Williams, Travis Kouts.

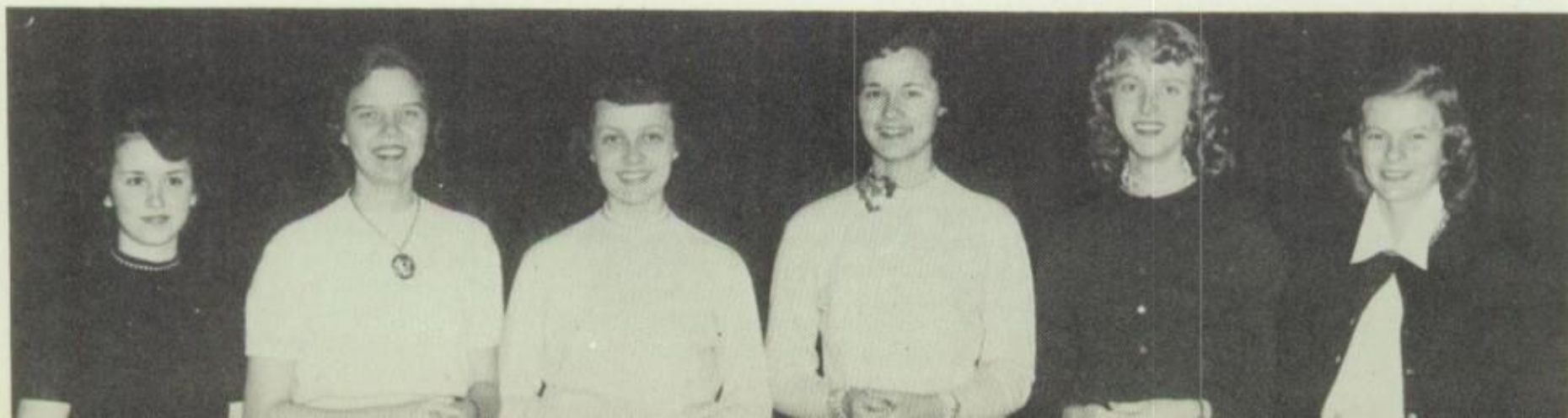
It's been a very busy year for A Cappella Choir. They presented a concert at the First Presbyterian Church and went caroling for the Christmas season.

After Christmas they began working on the "Vocal Varieties", which was presented on January 27 and 28. Since both performances were sell-outs, it was given a third night, with the proceeds going to the Polio Fund.

The mixed chorus and the boys' and girls' choruses entered the District Class A2 Contest on March 21 at Ohio Northern University. Several members entered the Solo and Ensemble Contest at Lima, Ohio, on March 28.

The Senior Girls' Sextette, members of the choir, sang for various organizations throughout the city, many times this year.

The choir ended up the year by giving a Spring concert. Mr. H. Herbert Jones is the supervisor of all vocal music at Van Wert High.



Vocal Varieties



Publications' Staff



Row One- Betty Wydallis, Lois McDonald, Collette Collette, Sylvia Thomas, Janet Kreischer, Miss Elizabeth Rimer.

Row Two Carolyn Kissel, Sally Jarvis, Alyce Weck, Nancy Mayer, Shirley Benford, Jean Purdy.

Row Three- Cynthia White, Sue Eggerss, Bill Miller, Larry Gilliland, Jim Young, Jim Gribler, Donna Hallam.

The Scarlet Quill Staff for 1952-1953 was Janet Kreischer, Editor-in-Chief during the first semester; Cynthia White, during the second semester; Sylvia Thomas and Bill Miller, Business Managers; Carolyn Kissel and Jim Gribler, Circulation Managers; Sally Jarvis and Nancy Mayer, Girls' Sports Editors; Jim Young and Larry Gilliland, Boys' Sports Editors; Cynthia White and Alyce Weck, Exchange Editors during the first semester; Janet Kreischer and Alyce Weck, during the second semester.

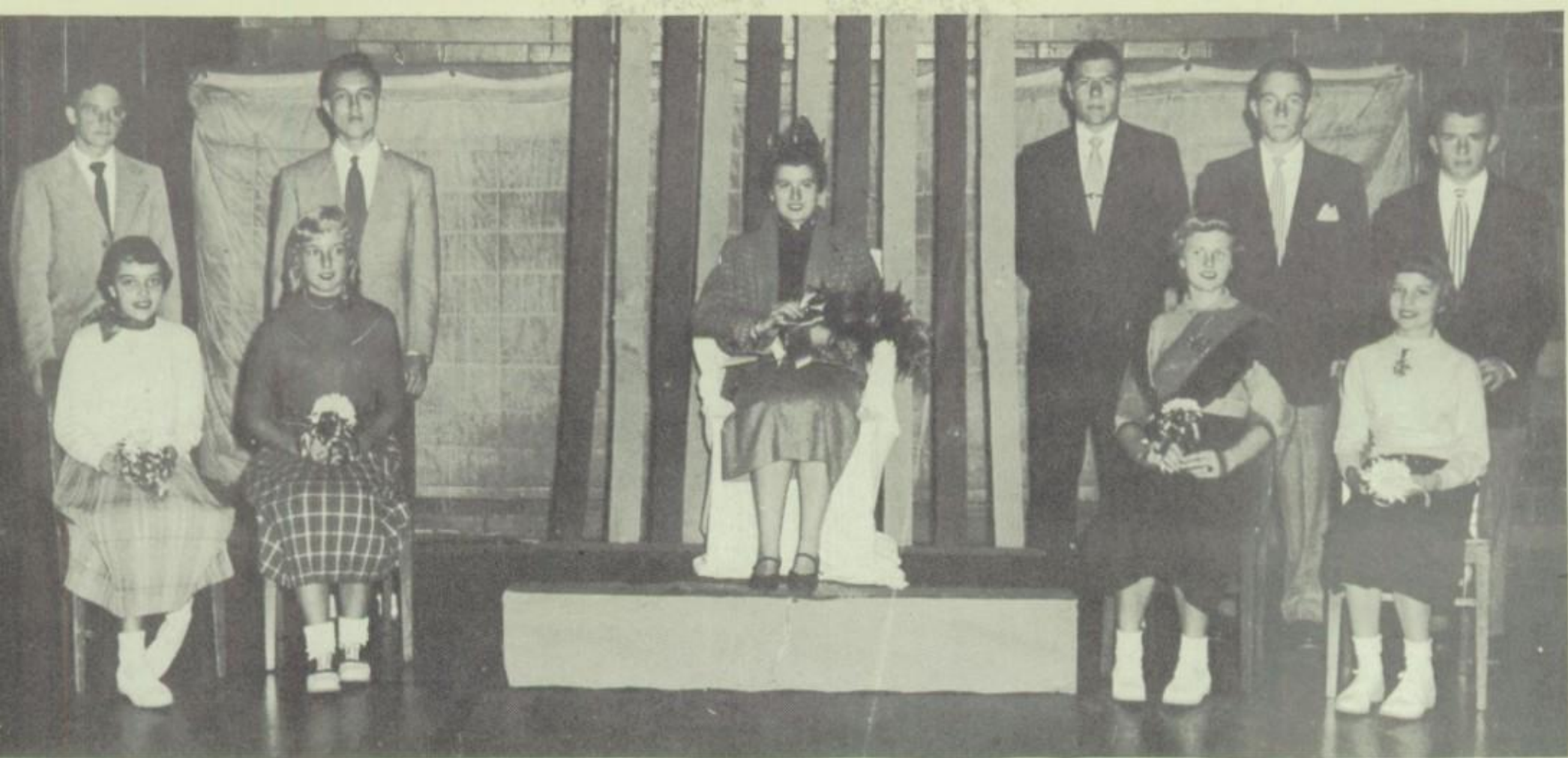
The reporters were Shirley Benford, Colletta Collette, Sue Eggerss, Donna Hallam, Lois McDonald, Jean Purdy, and Betty Wydallis.

The faculty adviser was Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer.

The Excalibur Staff for 1952-1953 was Larry Gilliland, Editor-in-Chief; Sally Jarvis, Associate Editor; Donna Hallam, Art Editor; Sylvia Thomas and Bill Miller, Business Managers; Carolyn Kissel and Jim Gribler, Circulation Managers; Steve Mover, Student Photographer.

Reporters for the annual were Shirley Benford, Colletta Collette, Sue Eggerss, Janet Kreischer, Nancy Mayer, Jean Purdy, Alyce Weck, Cynthia White, Betty Wydallis, and Jim Young.

Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer was the Literary Adviser, and Mr. Ralph Gallapoo, the Financial Adviser.



This year Joyce Williman reigned as the Homecoming Queen at the annual Homcoming festivities which were held on October 3. The attendants were Sue Eggerss, Senior; Kay Brown, Junior; Dorothy Johnson, Sophomore, and Delores Burke, Freshman.

Following the game a dance was held in Lincoln gym in honor of the queen and her court. During the intermission a most interesting program consisting only of student talent was conducted. Those participating were vocalists Carolyn Harting and Frank Hall; the Tapettes who are Shirlee Roth, Sue and Carol Eggerss, and Nancy Mericle; and a ukelele quartette consisting of Lynn Eikenbarry, Rachel Morris, Linda Kirchenbauer, and Larry Lehman. Charlie Parsons picked the numbers from a container to see who were the lucky people to receive door prizes. Truman Martin and his orchestra furnished the music.

The journalism class sponsored this event with Sue Eggerss as the General Chairman, Sally Jarvis as Program Chairman, and the supervision of Miss Elizabeth O. Rimer.



Senior Y-Teens



Row 1; Marianne Edwards, Cynthia White, Alyce Weck, Carolyn Kissel, Kathleen Moore, Jean Purdy, Joan Wells, Ann Helman, Carolyn Harting, Joy Preston, Betty Bolinger, Karen Brockert.

Row 2: Reha Elston, Barbara Beretich, Joyce Williman, Loretta Huffine, Faye Cooper, Sylvia Thomas, Colletta Collette, Perry Edwards, Kay Brown, Kay Bagley, Shirley Speakman, Yvonne Copeland, Mary Jerome, Delores Martin, Martha Wermer, Ginger Miller.

Row 3: Miss Lown, Nancy Mayer, Sally Jarvis, Martha Brown, Elaine Bollenbacher, Carol Doner, Kay Halliwell, Shirley Benford, Joan Frey, Jeannene Driscoll, Margaret Stripe, Mary Wermer, Sue Rager, Judith Nash.

Row 4: Audrey Kreischer, Jayne Boroff, Beverly Case, Margie Shock, Sue Eggress, Roxanna Kreischer, Elaine Fast, Elizabeth Osborn, Laurie Gold, Rosalee Thurston, Marilyn Sherburn, Carol Miller, Sharon McCollum.

"We, the younger generation,
Are striving now to build a better world.
Peace and unity, freedom and brotherhood,
These we have set to be our goal."

This excerpt from the Y-Teen Song proclaims the destination toward which Y-Teendom is ever striving. During the past year the Senior Y-Teen Club of Van Wert High School has endeavored to do its part in molding fine citizens who will make this a better world.

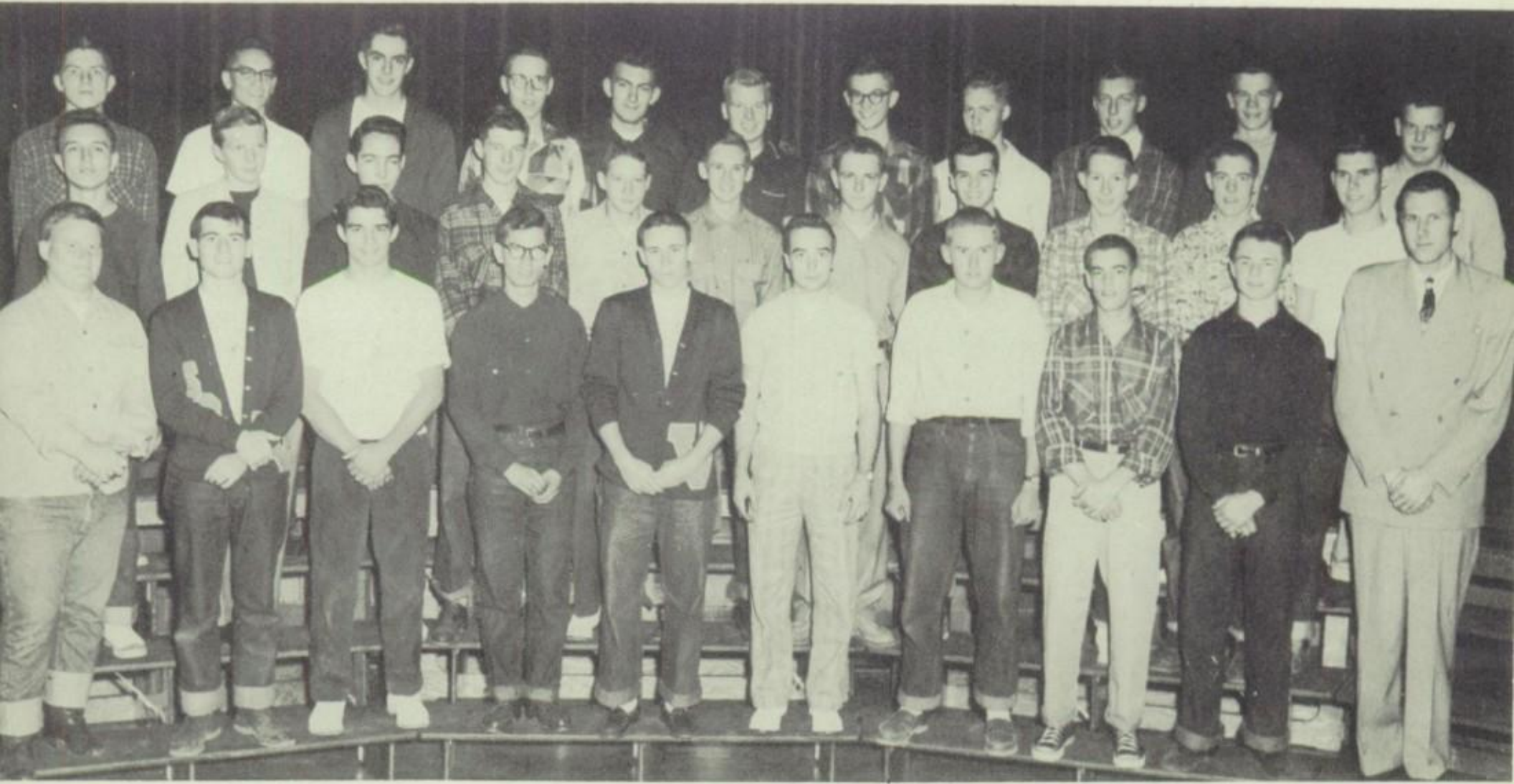
The club has had many educational topics discussed for its programs. Mr. David Jones gave a talk on "Dating and Mating", and Mrs. Gale Reid on "Fashions". Other features were a discussion on "What Our Town Needs Most", a joint meeting with the Senior Hi-Y, a Christmas party with the Junior Y-Teens, and a farewell party for the Seniors.

The organization engaged in several praiseworthy activities. Singing Christmas carols to patients at the Castle Convalescent Home, sponsoring the Easter Assembly at Van Wert High School, and providing devotions for the County Y-Teen Banquet are but a few.

In order to defray expenses the group sold plastic towels, a project which proved to be a prosperous venture.

With the competent leadership of the following girls the Senior Y-Teens enjoyed a profitable year: Carolyn Harting, President; Ann Helman, Vice-President; Jean Purdy, Secretary; Joan Wells, Treasurer; Cynthia White, Social Chairman; Joy Preston, Service Chairman; Alyce Weck, Ways and Means Chairman; Kathleen Moore, Publicity Chairman; Betty Bolinger, Devotional Chairman; Carolyn Kissel, Program Chairman; Karen Brockert, Music Chairman; Marianne Edwards, Pianist; Laurie Gold, Delegate to Inter-Club Council; and Miss Martha Lown, Adviser.

SENIOR HI-Y CLUB



Row 1: Mike Kennedy, Ed Linser, Jerry Fugazzi, Dean Jenkins, Bill Gipe, Russell Gipe, Gail Burgett, Terry Farlow, Richard Scaer, Mr. Mankin, adviser.

Row 2: Jim Baer, Bill Miller, Jack Conley, Wilbur Clymer, Lewis Dústman, Joe Raabe, Max Smith, Dick Giessler, John Blake, Jan Farlow, Steven Moyer.

Row 3: Stanley Miller, Gerald Thatcher, Ronald Staley, Jim Gribler, Larry Gilliland, Gary Doxtater, David Hertel, Tom Kiggins, Bill Schaffner, Charles Richey, Phil Tanner.

The Senior Hi-Y is a Christian organization under the sponsorship of the Y.M.C.A. The purpose of the Senior Hi-Y Club is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school, and community high standards of Christian living.

The Hi-Y, this year as in the past, sold pop at all home football and basketball games. They also sent members to Camp St. Marys and to the District Conference at Celina. The annual Ladies' Night was the last event of the year sponsored by the Hi-Y.

The club adviser is Mr. Mankin. Senior Hi-Y officers are: Terry Farlow, President; Gary Doxtater, Vice-President; Larry Gilliland, Secretary; Ronald Staley, Treasurer.

BEAUTY AND THE BEEF

"The Beauty and the Beef" by William Davidson was presented November 18 and 19 by the Junior Class under the direction of Mrs. Howard Foltz.

The story centers around the problems of Ginny, a former Quiz Kid, who moved to a new town with her parents. Ginny doesn't want anyone to know she has brains, especially the boys. When she meets Beef, the football captain, a hilarious romance begins.

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| Ginny Allen, from Chicago | Kathleen Moore |
| Laura Allen, her mother | Beverly Case |
| Lester Allen, her kid brother | John Blake |
| George Allen, her father | Joe Raabe |
| Franny Barton, the principal's daughter | Reha Elston |
| Beef, captain of the football team | Charles Richey |
| Molly Woods, a girl with a bass drum | Joy Preston |
| Foggy Ryan, drum major of the band | David Hertel |
| Professor Barton, the H.S. principal .. | Stanley Miller |
| Miss Bigby, a teacher | Ann Helman |
| Girl with a large horn | Shirley Zinsmeister |
| Girl with a flute | Colleen Baird |
| Barbara, a majorette | Loretta Huffine |
| Scaffold | Gail Burget |
| Steve, members of the team | Stephen Moyer |
| Bubbles | Phil Tanner |
| Betty | Perry Kay Edwards |
| Dot, cheerleaders | Joan Wells |
| Mitzi | Alice Jones |
| Miss Spencer, a doctor | Shirley Collins |
| Wallace Woods, Molly's father | William Gipe |
| Men from the Sunnydale Mortuary | James Yahn |
| | Gerald Dierks |
| Delivery boy | Kenneth Knittle |
| Western Union boy | Richard Carter |
| Band Members | Elaine Bollenbacher, James Bowersock, Sue Rager, Mary Jerome, Yvonne Copeland, Benny Spieth, Inez Jenkins, Benny Spearman |
| Prompter | Roxana Smitley |
| Stage Manager | Fred Giessler |



"Take Care of My Little Girl", dramatic comedy written by Anne Coulter Martens was presented in Lincoln Auditorium, March 24 and 25, by members of the Senior Class.

The setting of the play is a sorority house on the campus of a small college. Liz, the charming girl who wants very much to be accepted by her mother's old sorority, forsakes both her studies and her friends in her intense effort to become a member.

Hell-week at the sorority provides much comedy and also serves as the climax when Liz refuses to lower herself to the required degree for the sake of recognition.

Mr. Clyde Coon directed the play.

CAST

Elizabeth (Liz) - the girl Laura Gold
Becky - her old friend Joyce Williman
Adelaide a (Ad) -

her new friend Carolyn Harting
Merry - sorority president Sally Jarvis
Marge - rush chairman Betty Bollinger
Dallas - a fashion plate Sue Eggerss
Casey - an "intellectual" Faye Cooper
Mother Apple - house mother Donna Hallam
Mrs. Bellows - an influential

alumna Jean Purdy
Joe - an Ag. student Dick Packer
Chad - a fraternity man Bob Kibler
Sam - also a frat man David Stuber

Sorority pledges:

Thelma Elizabeth Osborn
Alice Colletta Collette
Grace Shirley Johns
Marie Marilyn Sherburn

Sorority Members:

Justine Roxanna Kreischer
Polly Alyce Weck
Marilyn Marjorie Frey
June Shirley Benford
An Expressman Haydn Williams
Director Mr. Clyde Coon



RENDEZVOUS COMMITTEE OF THE YWCA



Row 1, Left to Right: Mrs. R.D. Gallamore, Sue Farlow, Travis Kouts, Bob Kibler, and Joyce Williman.

Row 2: Bob Young, Sue Williman, Mary Jerome, Danny Gorman, Rhea Elston, Laurie Gold, and Tom Hardin.

The officers for the Rendezvous Committee during the 1952-53 school year were as follows: Co-chairmen, Travis Kouts and Bob Kibler; Secretary, Sue Farlow, and Treasurer, Joyce Williman.

The Rendezvous Committee sponsored the Snowball and many Saturday evening dances again this year. "The Five Notes" furnished the music for these dances. The committee also sponsored the dances after the football and basketball games and has kept the Rendezvous Room open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights for the students.

Mrs. R.D. Gallamore, of the Y.W.C.A. staff, was the adviser for this group.



VOCATIONAL !! INDUSTRIAL CLUB



Row 1: Jaunita Muntsinger, Audrey Kreischer, Pat Harden, Nancy Shoup, Erma Wollet, Rosalee Thurston, Nancy Davis, Janice Anderson, Marilyn Schilb, Pat Houts.
 Row 2: Roger Holsitsberry, Russell Mace, Ed Linser, Gerald Jerome, Norman McDaniels, Jim Tomlinson, Jim Miller, Jim Exline, Ronald Crowe.
 Row 3: Ollen Jones, Maurice Dempsey, Don Miller, Ralph Mathews, Bill Schaffner, Jim Wilson, Bob Pangle, Mile Keith, Mr. Calvin Cottrel.



This is the second active year for the Van Wert D.C.T. Chapter of the V.I.C. of Ohio. The thirty-one members of the V.I.C. met this year with these officers to guide them: Gerald Jerome, President; Edward Linser, Vice-President; Audrey Kreischer, Secretary; Juanita Muntzinger, Treasurer; Rosalee Thurston, Reporter; Don Miller, Sergeant at Arms and Mr. C. J. Cottrell, Adviser.

The torch, pictured above, symbolizes the democratic way of life, the head represents intellectual faculties. The eye and the handshake denote ability for observation and co-operation while the gear illustrates the wheel of industry and the relationship of individuals for more efficient work. The industrial potential of the community, state, and nation is symbolized by the factory, while the city building and the school building represents local government and the educational facilities necessary to attain knowledge, skill, and experience. The shield serves to identify those bound together for a common cause and represents the strength of the individual club members.

As a service to the school the chapter set up an Occupational Information filing system for all high school students to use.

Among their many other club activities were the Employer-Employee Banquet, several outside speakers, a contribution to the polio fund, training and participation in a district parliamentary procedure contest, and the sending of two delegates to visit the state legislature.



JUNIOR Y- TEENS

The Jr. Y-Teens with their leader, Mrs. Burkham, began their activities by selling Cougar pencils, Christmas cards, and stationery to the students.

Their social activities of the year included a joint meeting with the Jr. Hi-Y Club on January 7, and a Christmas party with the Senior Y-Teens.

The officers of this club are: Judy Driscoll, President; Janice Brown, Vice-President; Carol Eggerss, Secretary; Marilyn Weck, Treasurer.

First row: Rose Campbell, Marcia Geisman, Dorothy Block, Nancy Dustman, Dana Rider, Linda White, Marilyn Weck, Judy Driscoll, Carol Eggerss, Esther Price, Marilyn Spridgeon, Phyllis Heffner, Marcia Agler, Judy Zinsmeister, Delores Burke. Second row: Nancy Waymire, Marcia Ireton, Nancy Beams, Emily Crowe, Janet Cowgill, Carolyn Chivington, Helen Dempsey, Delores Fisher, Phyllis Lane, Margaret Shaw, Pat Boroff, Ramona Grimes, Lynne Eikenberry, Sue Farlow, Janet Gallespie, Mrs. Burkham. Third row: Joan Welker, Linda Spitler, Carol Evans, Mary Brooks, Barbara Miller, Esther Prishey, Barbara Kesler, Linda Bagley, Janice Ginsel, Anita Tanner, Shirley Dustman, Linda Kirchenbauer, Elaine Mericle, Phyllis Rosener, Margaret Jerome, Beverley Blake, Mary Wells. Fourth Row: Dixie Butler, Joyce Williams, Gail Himrod, Donna Copeland, Martha Dunno, Virginia Miller, Peggy Waldron, Starley Agler, Mary Bell, Binalee Runser, Mary Marquis, Pat Williamson, Sandra Harting, Joyce MCCammon, Rachel Morris, Sue Williman. Fifth Row: Shirley Riley, Carol McCaelic, Sheila Hallam, Pat Butler, Jean Hipsley, Carol Hilton, Dorothy Johnson, Karen Katterheinrich, Anne Turner, Alice Bell, Diane Bartlett, Barbara Smith, Iona Brenne-man, Linda Longwell, Peggy Wable, Marcia Putman, Lynnda Learey.

JUNIOR HI-Y

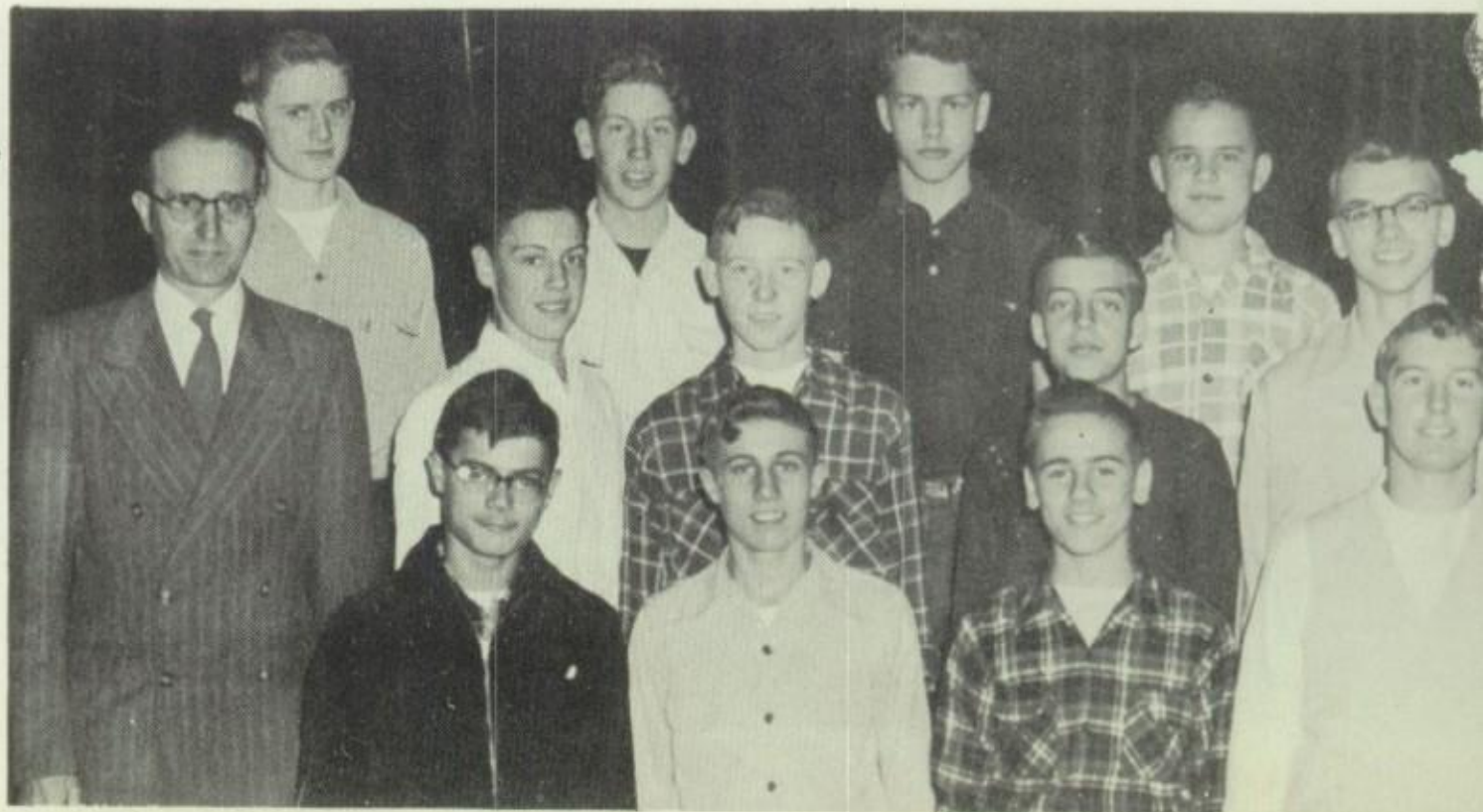
This group of boys was ably led by Mr. Bernard Bricker this year. Their activities included their participation in the Y.M.C.A. League and a co-meeting with the Jr. Y-Teens on January 7.

The officers of this organization are Gary Stoller, President; Dennis Linser, Vice-President; David Ashbaugh, Secretary; Gene Wilson, Treasurer.

First row: Gene Wilson, Don Finkhousen, Dennis Linser, Robert Mills.

Second row: Mr. Bricker, Gary Stoller, Jack Uncapher, Robert Schaffner, David Ashbaugh.

Third row: Don Tomlinson, Don Borden, Gene Witherow, Vernon Lang.



USHERETTE CLUB



Since its beginning four years ago, the Usherette Club has been an asset to Van Wert High School. The members of the club have ushered at the Junior and Senior class plays, Vocal Varities, Band Concert, and other social functions. Also they have maintained a checkroom at the basketball games.

Members are Beverly Kesler, Beverly Dempsey, Rosalie Jetmore, Barbara Kesler, Hilda Heath, Yvonne Copeland, Jean Hipsley, Ruthell Miracle, Pat Rodman, Barbara Miller, Mary Mohler, Gloria Schoonover, Jayne Boroff, and Jeanette Lewis.

Jayne Boroff is President of this loyal group. Mr. Gallapoo is the adviser.

Row two: Jean Hipsley, Pat Rodman, Jeanette Lewis, Mary Mohler, Yvonne Copeland, and Jayne Boroff.

Row one: Beverly Kesler, Barbara Miller, Barbara Kesler, Ruthell Miracle, Gloria Schoonover, Rosalie Jetmore, and Hilda Heath.

The V-Club is an honor club, whose members have earned a varsity V. Each member must have high ideals of clean living and sportsmanship.

Dick Packer served as President; Will Hernandez as Vice-President; Ed Linser as Secretary-Treasurer. Once again Mr. Livingston served as club adviser.

First Row: Bill Gipe, Dan Murphy, Ed Linser, Willie Hernandez, Mr. Livingston.

Second Row: Lloyd Lee, Dan McConnahay, Frank Scott, Jerry Fugazzi, Ronald Doner

Third Row: Dick Smith, Ronald Staley, Charles Richey, Jim Young, Bob Wisenborn, Dick Packer.



V-CLUB

SENIOR SURVEY



Best Sense of Humor
Alyce Weck and Jim Baer



Most Friendly
Colletta Collette and Jim Gribler



Most Studious
Carolyn Kissel and Gerald Thatcher



Best Looking
Jean Purdy and Jerry Fugazzi



Best Personality
Dick Packer and Janet Kreischer



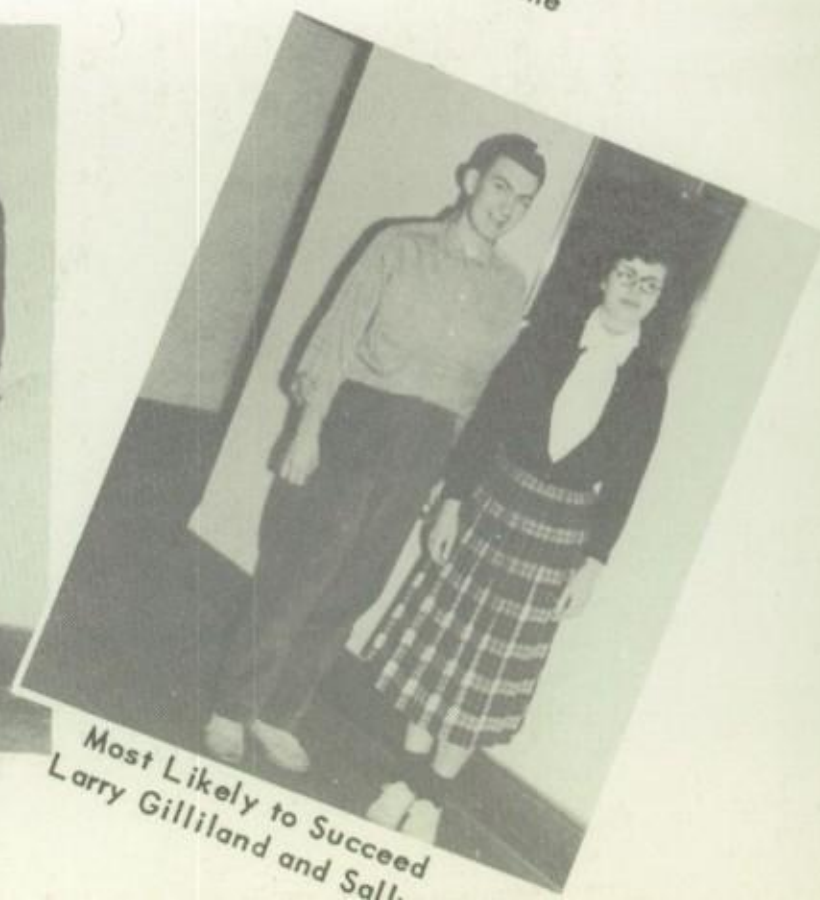
Most Athletic
Willie Hernandez and Kay Jerome



Best Dressed
Earlow and Laurie Gold



Best Figure and Physique
Shirlee Roth and Lloyd Lee



Most Likely to Succeed
Larry Gilliland and Sally

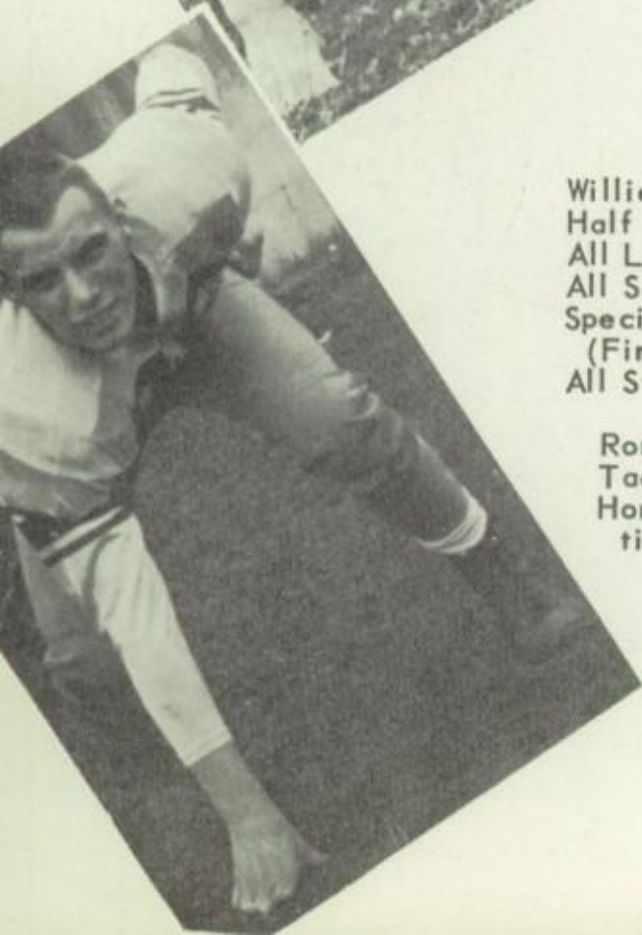
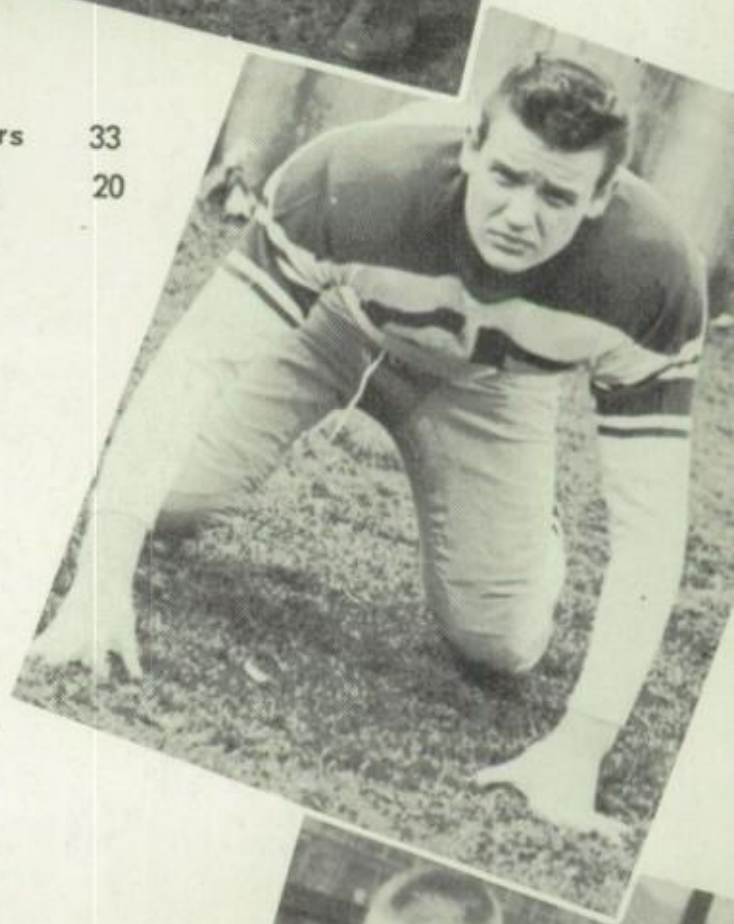
SPORTS



Though the most be players,
Some must be spectators.
"Timber, or Discoveries Made Upon Men and Matter"
Ben Johnson



Cougars 33
Bryan 20



GRIDIRON GIANTS

Willie Hernandez
Half Back
All League
All State Safety (AP)
Special Mention
(First and Ten)
All Star Team

Lloyd Lee
Tackle
All League
Honorable Mention
All State (AP)

Dick Smith
End
All League
Honorable Mention
(First and Ten)
Co-Captain

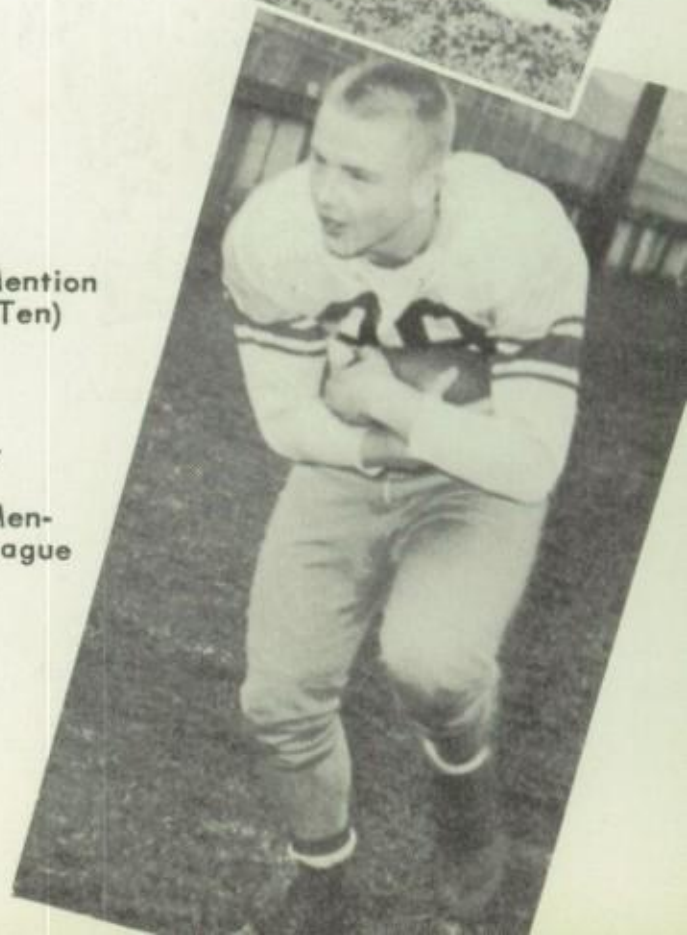
Ron Doner
Tackle
Honorable Men-
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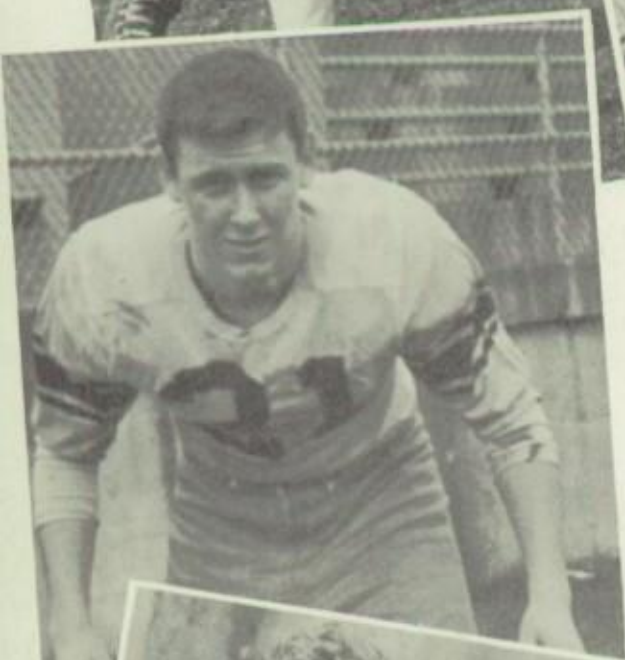
Frank Scott
Halfback
Honorable Men-
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Phil Tanner
Center
Honorable Men-
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Jerry Busch
Tackle
Honorable Men-
tion All League

Jim Young
Fullback
All League
All State Fullback
(First and Ten)
Honorable Mention
All State (AP)
All Star Team
Co-Captain





Jerry Fugazzi
Guard

Dick Packer
Guard

Chuck Richey
End

Dan McConahay
Halfback

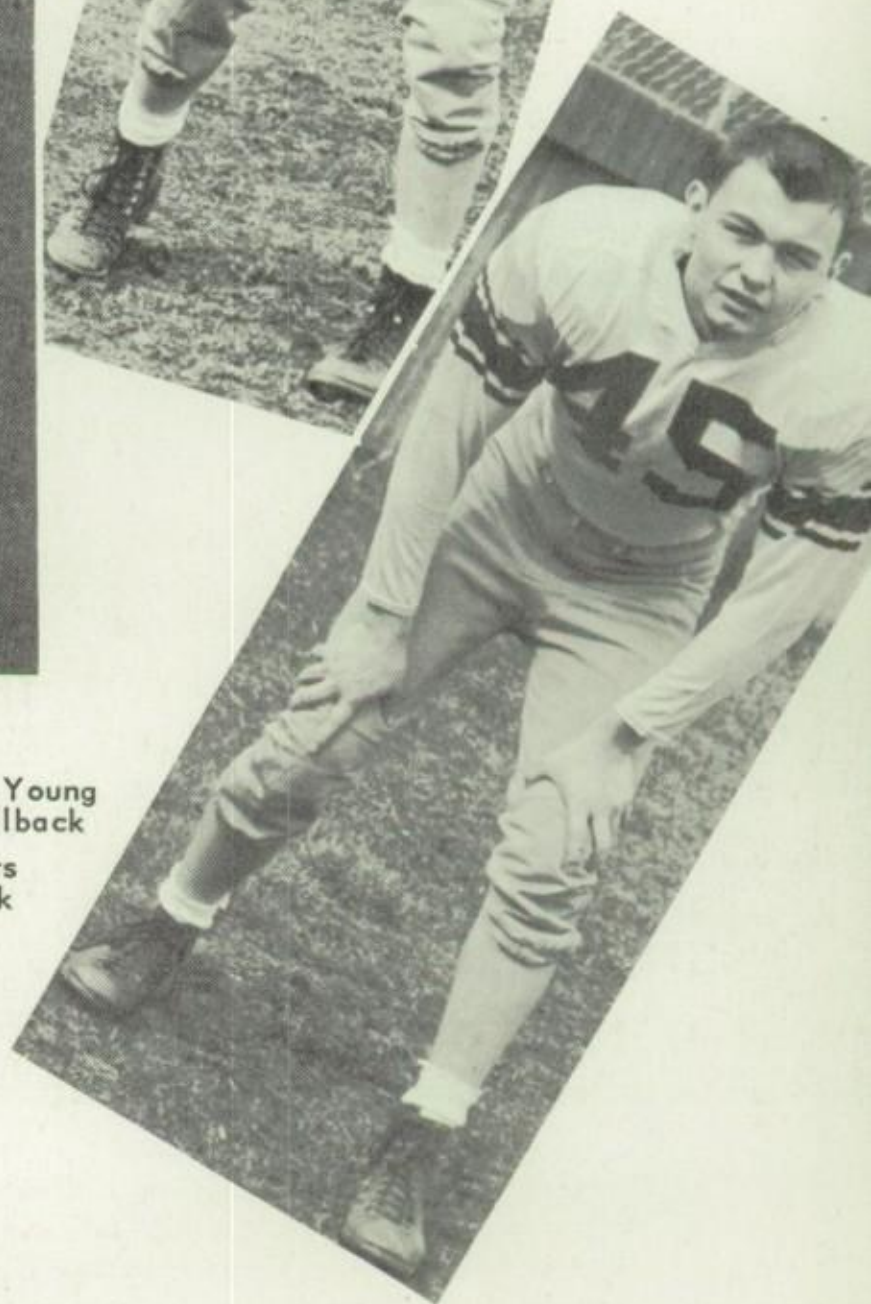
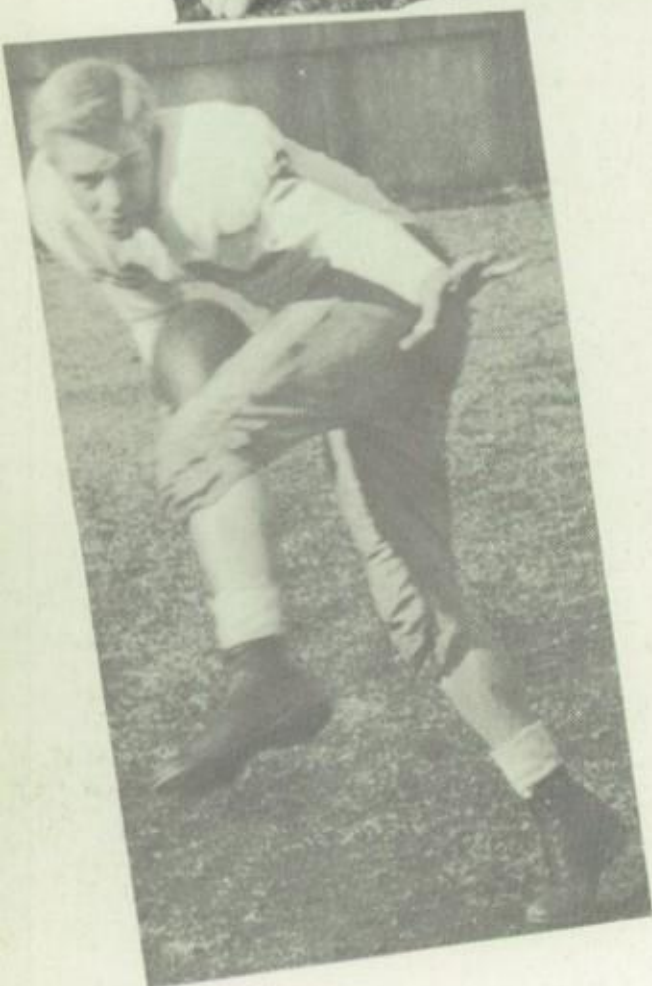
Jim Jordan
Quarterback

Bill Dias
Halfback

Nathan Schaadt
End

Ed Linser
Center

Gale Gilliland
Guard



Mike Kennedy Bob Keith Bob Young
Guard End Fullback
Bob Kibler Travis Kouts
Halfback Quarterback

This year the Cougars went undefeated for the first time in nine years and the fourth time in their history as they won nine straight games.

For the opening game the Cougars traveled to Bryan and dropped the Golden Bears 33-19. Next they handed Defance its only loss of the season, 34-20. Van Wert's high-powered scoring machine rolled along as Kenton and Fluffton went under by scores of 52-6 and 44-0.

At Bellefontaine the Cougars had a tough battle, finally winning 7-0. However, they bounced back by taking Wapakoneta 34-0. Van Wert then knocked off previously undefeated St. Marys 33-7. The Cougars clinched the Western Buckeye League title by taking Celina 12-0.

The Cougars won the big game of the season by smothering Lima Central 26-0. Van Wert was named the ninth best team in the state by the sports writers.

Cougars 54
Wapakoneta 0

Cougars 33
St. Marys 7

Cougars 12
Celina 0

Cougars 7
Bellefontaine 0



Football Mentors: Gilbert Smith, Director of Athletics and Head Football Coach: James Reeder, Head Reserve Football Coach and Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach. Gordon Earheart, Freshman Football and Basketball Coach; and Otis Coon, Football Line Coach and Reserve Basketball Coach.



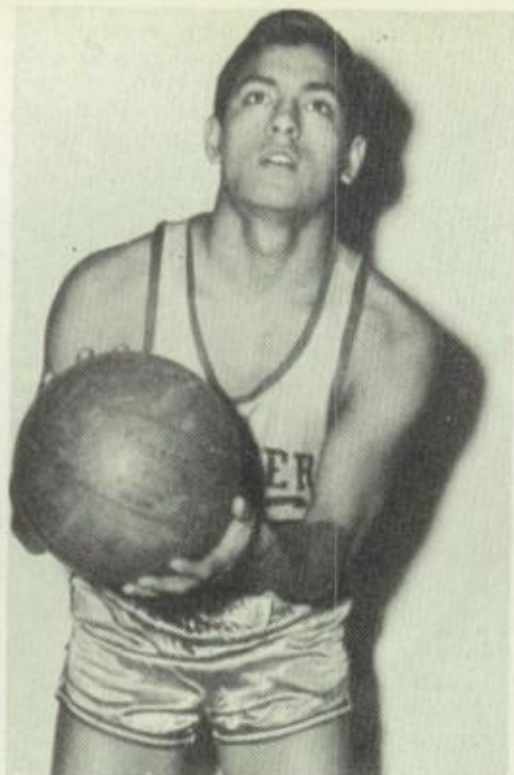
Above right - the cheerleaders huddle with Mrs. Duprey; Audrey Kreischer, Carol Eggerss, Evangeline Barrientos, Mrs. Duprey, Colletta Collette, Janet Kreischer, Janice Wells. Above left - the cheerleaders in action. Lower left - Mr. Perry Wise cites Lloyd Lee as Outstanding line of 1952. Lower center - Ronnie Lowe and Ron Bagley, those hard working football managers. Jo-Ann Johnson, Elaine Mericle, Carolyn Bradford, Linda Bagley, Sue Farlow, and Nancy Waymire, the Kitten yell-ledders, are on the job also.



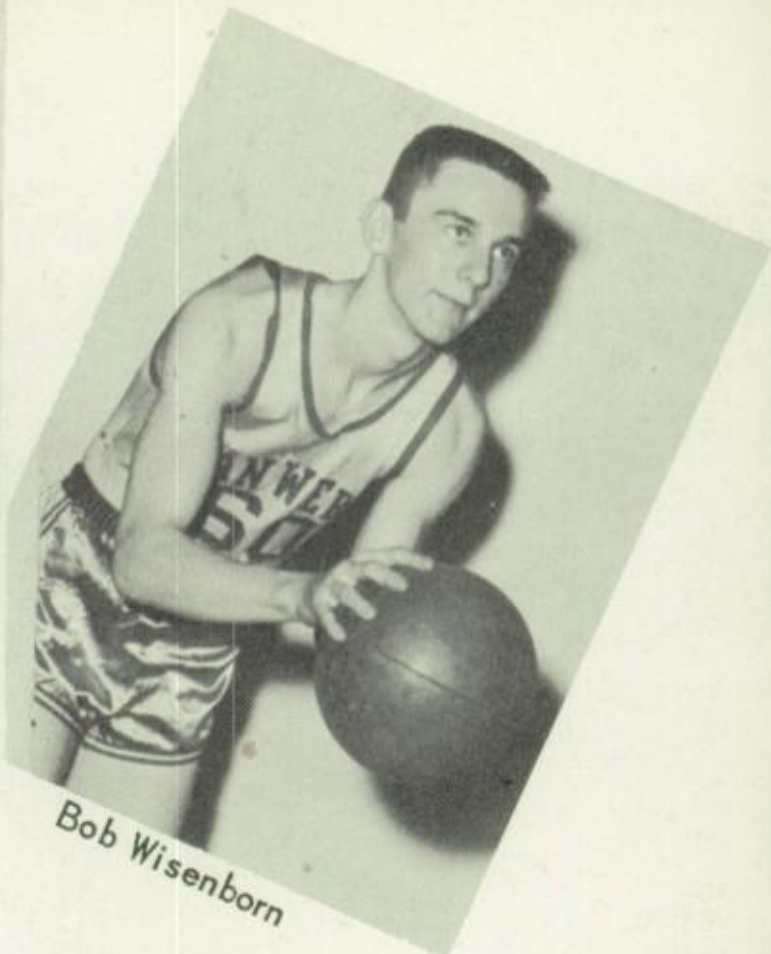
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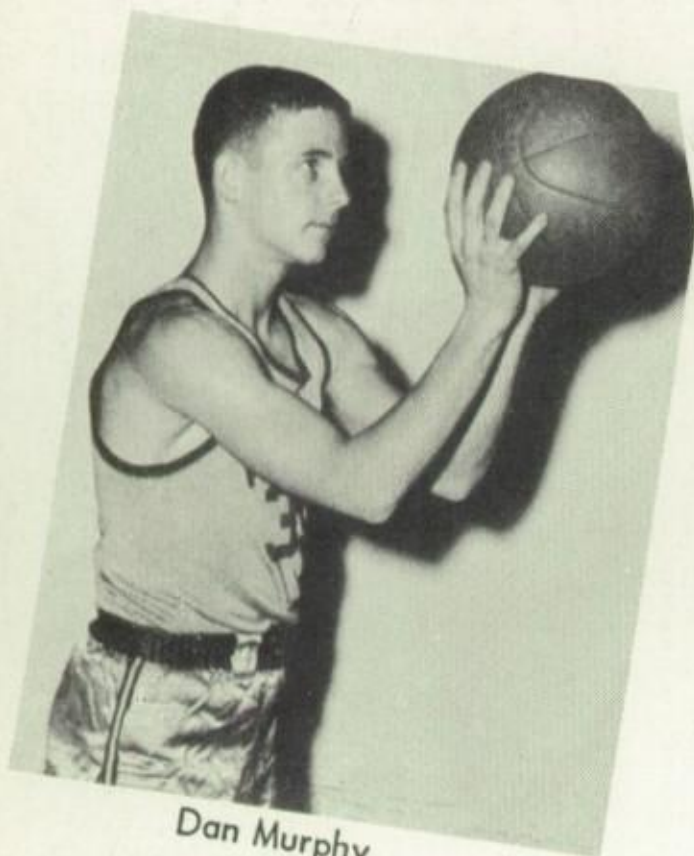
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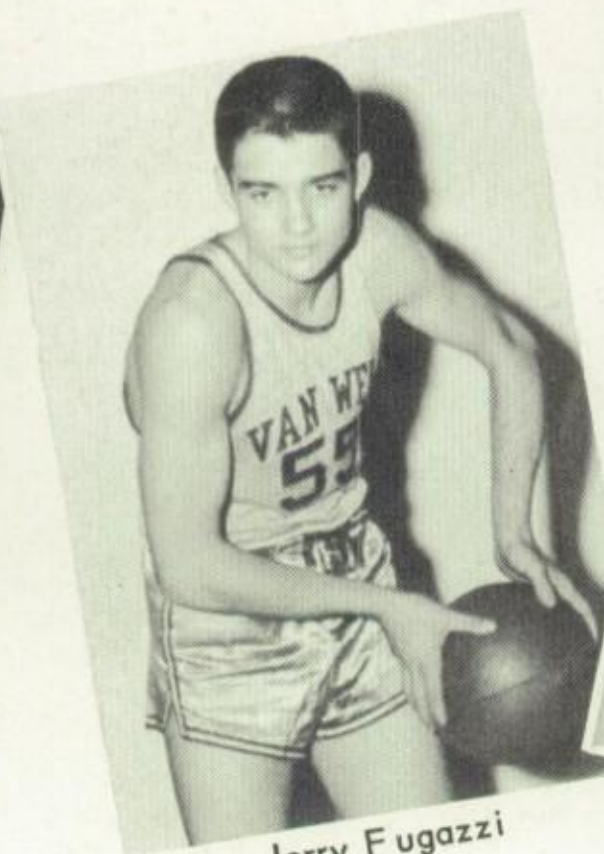
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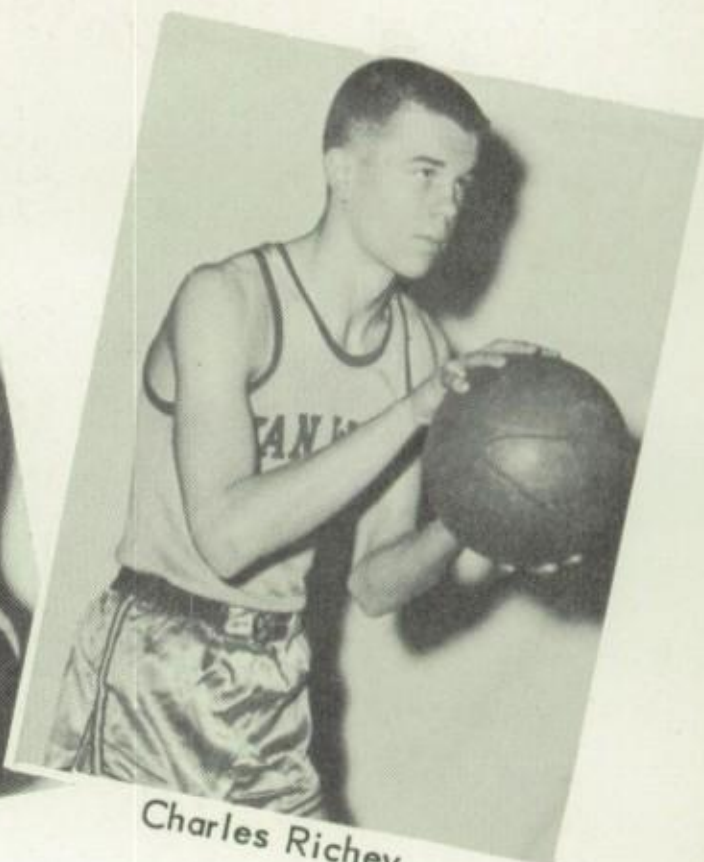
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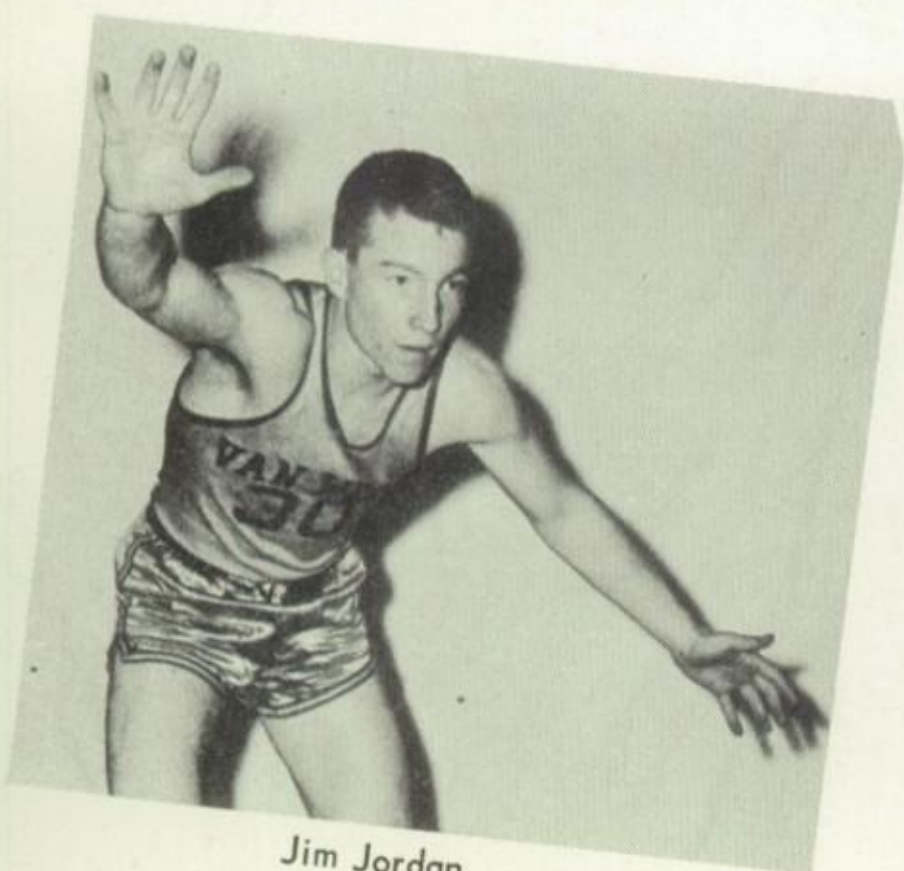
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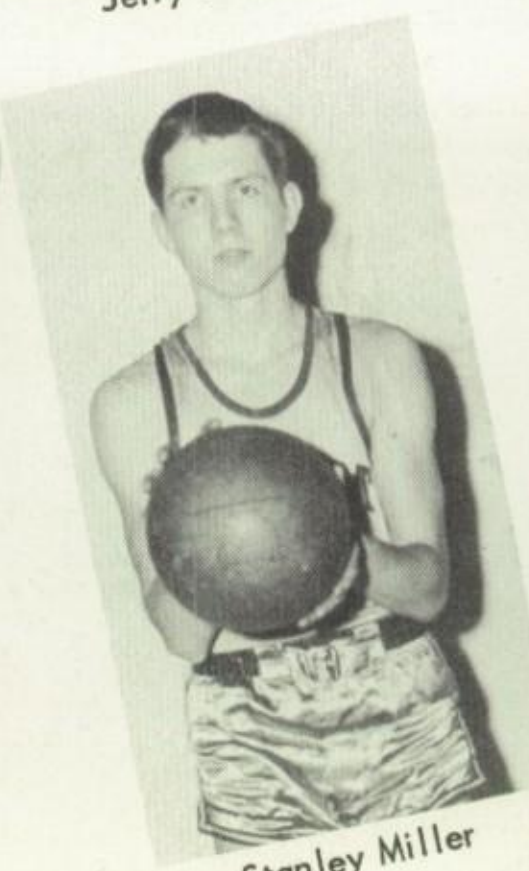
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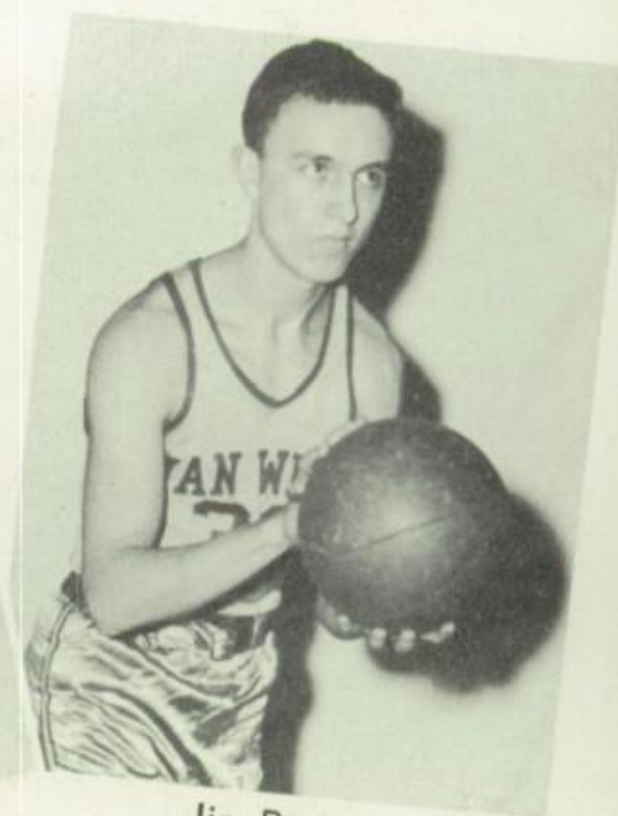
Charles Richey



Jim Jordan



Stanley Miller



Jim Baer

Cougar Cagers



Left to right: Charles Spurlock, Stan Miller, Bob Steman, Ron Bagley, Jim Young, Jerry Busch, Bob Wisenborn, Charles Richey, Willie Hernandez, Dave Hertel, Jim Baer, Bill Gipe, Jim Jordan, Jerry Fugazzi, Dan Murphy, Mike DeMoss, Manager, Ronald Staley, Manager, Kenny Knittle, Manager, and Mr. Reeder, Coach.

Van Wert's basketball team ran hot and cold this year as they compiled a record of seven wins and eleven losses, never quite reaching the peak they were capable of reaching.

Van Wert opened the season with a 71-49 win over Paulding. In their next start Lima Central dropped the Cougars 63-60. Defiance had a hot night defeating the Cougars 79-61.

Scoring the most points of the year, the Cougars somothered Ada 87-64. In an upset Lima Shawnee handed Van Wert a setback.

Van Wert got revenge the next week by defeating Lima Shawnee in the Holiday Tournament 73-59. In the final game of the Tournament the Cougars tripped Wapak.

The Cougars then dropped six consecutive games to Bellefontaine, Bryan, St. Marys, Celina, Lima South, and Wapak. The Cougars broke their losing streak by dropping Bluffton 64-56. The next week Van Wert won its second straight game by knocking off Kenton.

Playing their best game of the season the Cougars upset Xenia Central 59-55.

In the final gam of the season Van Wert was beaten by Napoleon 71-55.

Van Wert dropped their opening game in the State Tournament to Bryan 87-69.

The Basketball season's record:

REGULAR SCHEDULED GAMES

| Opponent | Varsity VW | OPP | Reserve VW | OPP |
|----------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Paulding | 71 | 49 | 25 | 27 |
| Lima Central | 60 | 63 | 34 | 43 |
| Defiance | 61 | 79 | 41 | 43 |
| Ada | 87 | 64 | 47 | 51 |
| Lima Shawnee* | 67 | 71 | 33 | 56 |
| Bellefontaine* | 69 | 86 | 18 | 44 |
| Bryan | 73 | 78 | 42 | 45 |
| St. Marys* | 65 | 74 | 33 | 46 |
| Celina* | 68 | 70 | 45 | 44 |
| Lima South | 65 | 67 | 36 | 56 |
| Wapakoneta* | 61 | 65 | 44 | 48 |
| Bluffton* | 64 | 56 | 37 | 38 |
| Kenton* | 70 | 63 | 37 | 35 |
| Xenia Central | 59 | 54 | no game | |
| Napoleon | 55 | 71 | 46 | 48 |

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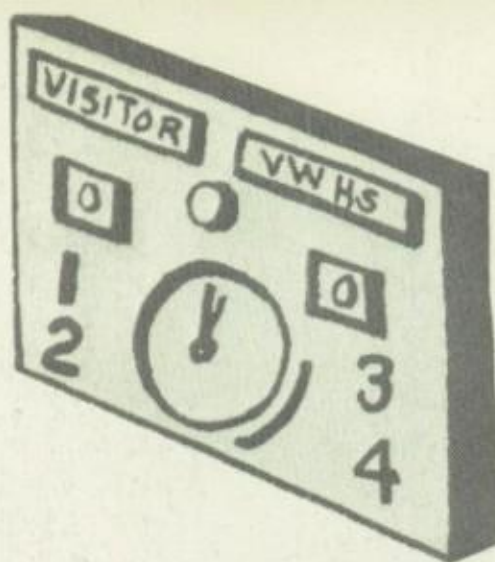
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| Lima Shawnee | 73 | 59 |
| Wapakoneta | 67 | 47 |

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT NAPOLEON

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|-------|----|----|
| Bryan | 69 | 87 |
|-------|----|----|

Season's record: Varsity won 7, lost 11. Reserve won 2, lost 12.

FRESHMEN CAGERS
COP CELINA
TOURNAMENT



Top row: Gordon Earheart, coach, Vern Laing, David Holmes, Ned Runyon, Jim Jones Duane Mihm. Bottom Row: Jim Dilbone, Larry Winover, Bob Young, Sam Haller, Tom Hardin, Bill Emrick.



Above top, The Reserve Basketball team. Top Row: Sam Haller, Bill Emrick, Larry Winover, Dave Ashbaugh, Don Tomlinson, Mr. Otis Coon, Coach. Bottom Row: Tom Hardin, Bob Young, Ron Dilbone, Bob Keith, Bob Mills, Mike DeMoss, manager.

Above, The Reserve Cheerleaders. Jo Ann Johnson, Elaine Mericle, Carolyn Bradford, Linda Bagley, Sue Farlow, and Nancy Waymire.

The Van Wert Freshmen returned to the Championship of the Celina Freshman Invitational Tournament by downing Wapakoneta Blume 50-44 in the final game.

The Junior Kittens downed Coldwater in the first round and Sidney in the semi-finals to gain a berth in the final match. Bill Emrick paced the Kittens with 40 points in the three games. Bob Young was second with 38 and Tom Hardin was third with 29. The tourney scores:

First Round
Van Wert 41 Coldwater 28
Semi-Finals
Van Wert 46 Sidney 34
Championship
Van Wert 50 Wapakoneta 44

Below, The Hardworking varsity Basketball Managers, Ronald Staley Charlie Parsons, and Kenny Knittle.



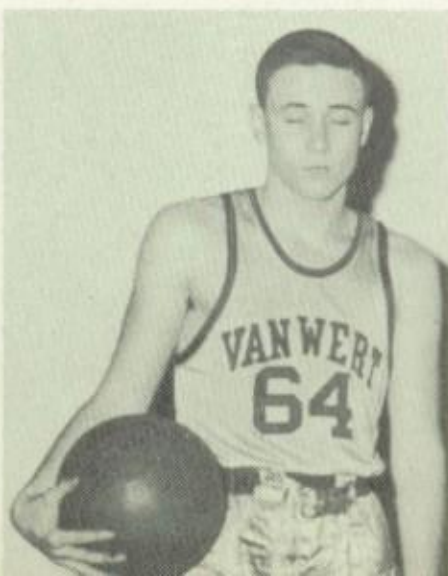
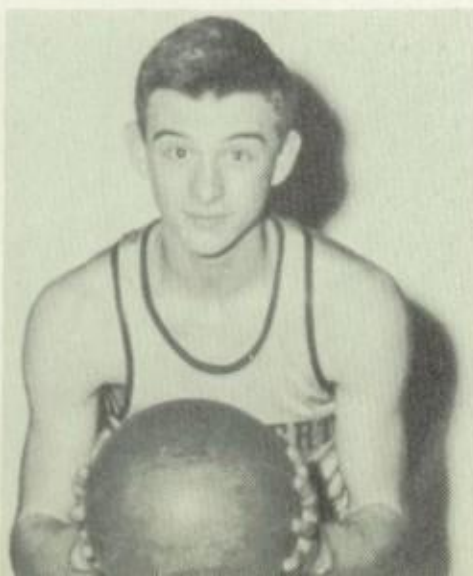
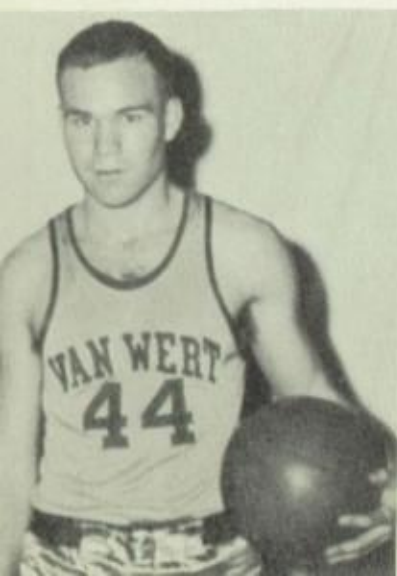
Charles Spurlock

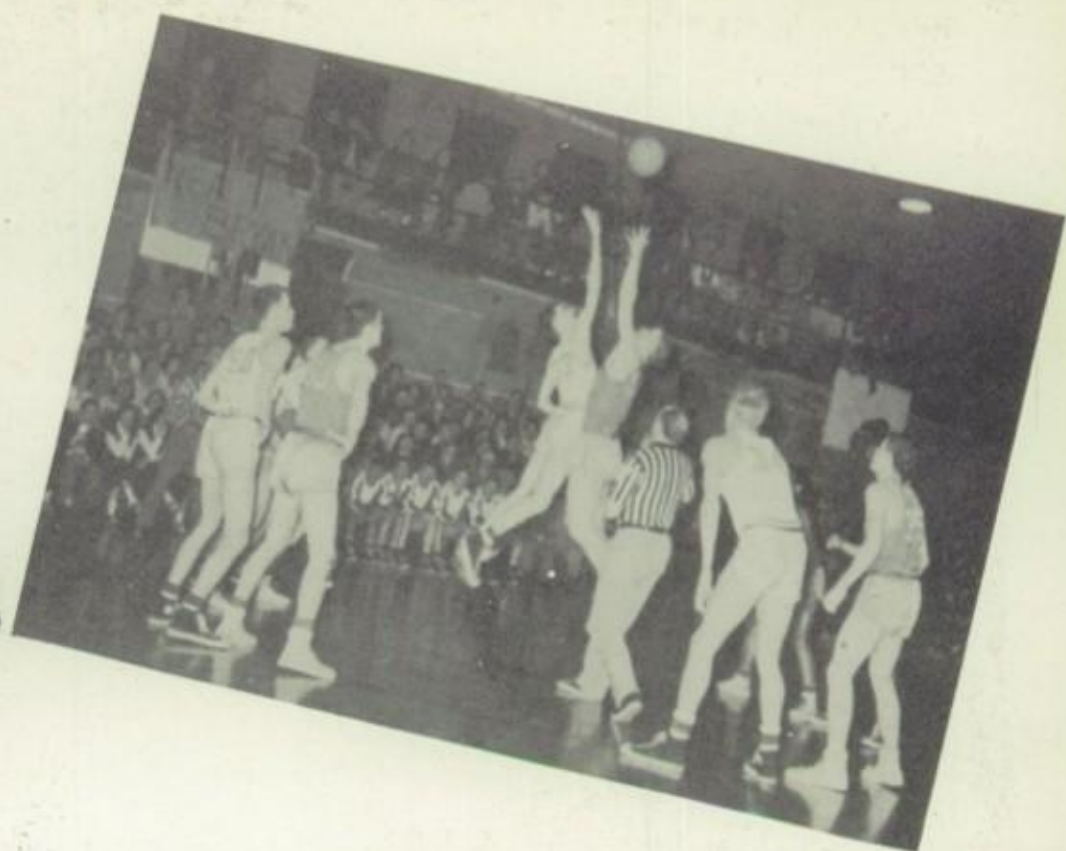
Dave Hertel

Bill Gipe

Ron Bagley

Jerry Busch





Basketball Snaps

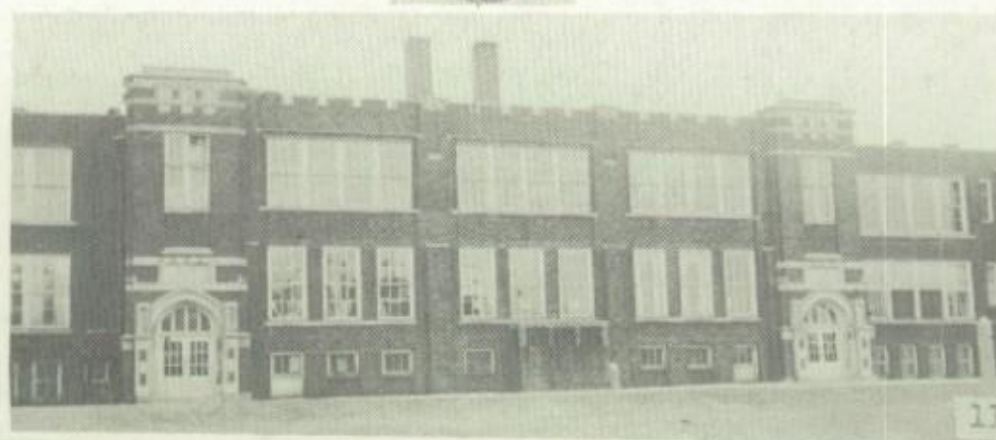




1. Smiling Seniors
2. Football Banquet
3. Mr. Kirchenbauer
4. Mr. Otis Coon
5. Our Projectionist
6. Mr. Baker

7. Guess Who?
8. Mr. Manken
9. Mr. Earheart

10. Janice Brown
11. Alma Mater
12. Miss Rimer and Quill Editors
13. Mr. Cottrell





GOOD CITIZENSHIP TEST CONTESTANTS

The Isaac Van Wart Chapter of the D. A. R. sponsors a county wide test in Good Citizenship each year. This test, open to Senior girls in accredited public schools, was taken in January by Sara Jarvis, Carolyn Kissel, Laurie Gold, Donna Hallam, and Cynthia White.

The girl receiving the highest score in the state receives a \$100 bond and is designated as State Good Citizen. The girl receiving the highest score in the county receives a pin.

Sally Jarvis received highscore at VWHS for which she was given Certificate of Award.

In 1951 VWHS had the honor of having a student, Pat Kinsey, who made a perfect score on the test. She was Ohio's Pilgrim. In 1952 Mary Lou Dietrich, having high score in the county was awarded the pin.

All the girls in the county taking the test were guests of the local chapter of D. A. R. at the March meeting.



JUNIOR ROTARIANS

These Junior Rotarians have been chosen by the Faculty to meet with the Van Wert Rotary Club at their luncheon meetings. Meeting with the Rotary Club gives these young men the opportunity of associating with some of the business and professional men of the community. They are, from left to right, top row: Frank Scott, Dick Smith, Dick Packer, Jack Conley, Jim Young, Larry Gilliland; bottom row: Willie Hernandez, Haydn Williams, Gerald Jerome, Terry Farlow, Gerald Thatcher, Norman McDaniels.

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Another school year -- our last at Van Wert High School -- has drawn to a close. With the setting of the sun of high school comes a rainbow of events. Plans for Prom, Baccalaureate, and Commencement were released too late to make your Excalibur, but we hope that we have missed nothing else in this parade of time.

Thunderous applause is the first thing in order. Donna Hallam must head the list for her inspired work as Art Editor. As you look at the divider pages and drawings throughout the book, you will be seeing the work of an artist.

Not only was Jim Young an athletic standout on the field and court but also he put his best sports knowledge to work in preparing the Athletic section of the book.

Many things are required for a good yearbook, and sponsors are a must. Without Sylvia Thomas and Bill Miller to wheedle and sell advertisements, it might have been impossible to produce an Excalibur at all.

We have tried to give you a book of numerous photographs. This was made possible when Steve Moyer stepped forward and offered his time and experience in conjunction with the Camera Club. Later Steve passively responded to the draft and served as Staff Photographer. We are also in debt to Mr. Don White for the many group pictures. Deep bows must be given to the three professional studios -- they are The Portrait Studio, The Donald S. White Studio, and the G. K. Todd Studio -- which cooperated so well in taking the Senior and Faculty individual pictures.

Many others gave much of the talent and individualism to the yearbook through their backbreaking job of copy-writing, captioning, and typing. They were Sue Eggerss, Shirley Benford, Sally Jarvis, Colletta Collette, Nancy Mayer, Jean Purdy, Jim Gribler, Janet Kreischer, Betty Wydallis, Carolyn Kissel, and Alyce Weck.

A bouquet of roses and orchids goes to Miss Rimer for her wonderful advice and exciting ideas. The remainder of the faculty was the epitome of cooperation.

The big job of any yearbook is the actual publishing, and we feel that the Paramount Yearbook Service of Portland, Indiana did an excellent job. Mr. Reedy their field man, gave us many ideas and contributed greatly to the book's accuracy and continuity.

Every yearbook has its mistakes and we are no different from all the rest. We humbly apologize to all students whose pictures were omitted from their class pages or put on the wrong page. This happened because the pictures arrived too late. If your name was misspelled, please accept our apologies.

The staff hopes that you will enjoy your 1953 Excalibur as much as we have enjoyed publishing it for you.

Larry Gilliland, Editor.

